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## Comment Of The Day

### The Fishing Fleet

HONGKONG has watched with growing pride the development of a modern fishing fleet. The last report of the Director of Marketing and the Registrar of Co-operatives, which with the Department of Fisheries has played the leading part in this revolution, announced in March that less than one-third of the total fleet is mechanised. This is a record that the Colony can be proud of. Modern, highly industrialised Japan — which turns out its own diesel engines — has only slightly over one-third of its fleet mechanised. The need is to encourage this trend in Hongkong.

The Colony was represented at a recent conference in Ceylon at which mechanisation of the fleets of South-east Asia and the Far East was discussed. The advantages of this process are obvious. Powered boats are able to travel further and faster to fishing grounds and remain there longer before returning to port. This enables them to devote far more to actual fishing with noticeable results on profits.

**Promotion**  
THIS is evident in the case of the Hongkong fleet. Mechanised fishing craft, though comprising less than one-third of the total catch, and the incentive to mechanise — at least until recently — has been apparent in Hongkong where both Government and diesel engine importers have provided generous credit terms.

The Ceylon conference, sponsored by the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Commission, has made mechanisation a powerful point of promotion among its seventeen member nations. One of its main aims now is to assist those countries which through lack of proper planning, absence of suitable vessels or lack of foreign exchange, have been less successful in introducing mechanisation.

But while this new trend gains increasing popularity elsewhere in Asia, figures for Hongkong next year are likely to show a marked decline on the number mechanised in 1957-58 — 755 boats. Action against local fishing junks by Communist patrol boats and the fear of demands by the Communists for bigger shares of catches in Chinese waters appear to have created some pessimism and discouraged a process which otherwise might have seen the entire fleet mechanised in six years' time.

### A Lead Needed

IN the interests of the Colony's fleet and local food supplies, a lead from Government is needed here. The fishermen need not only to be restored in confidence by regular patrols of either warships or Fishery Protection Vessels, when necessary, but just as in 1948 when a local fisherman was persecuted against his better judgment to initiate the revolution of mechanisation, Government now needs to encourage fishermen to move to new and safer grounds. Conversion in this case will involve much more than mechanisation—bigger craft, new trawling methods and possibly the provision of a mother ship, for example—but Government should not hesitate to help out in the training and financing of a scheme to put local fishermen on a thoroughly sound and safe basis. After all, this is one industry which makes a great contribution to the feeding of our millions.

## NOW RUSSIA PROMISES NEW AID AIRFIELDS FOR NASSER

### Factories And Power Station For Suez Also Planned

London, Dec. 22. Five new airfields and a number of new industries are to be built in the United Arab Republic under an agreement with the Soviet Union signed in Cairo today, Cairo Radio reported.

### Early China Mail Tomorrow

Tomorrow — Christmas Eve — the China Mail will be published earlier than usual and copies will be on sale on the streets before mid-day. There will be no China Mail on Christmas Day or on Boxing Day, but the big feature-packed week-end issue will be on sale at the usual time on Saturday morning. For the benefit of readers, our film critic, Anthony Fuller, has reviewed the films showing in the Colony over the Christmas holidays and these will be published in tomorrow's China Mail. Also in tomorrow's China Mail will be another instalment of John Luff's new series of articles entitled "This Hongkong". The second instalment will tell more of the escapades of Hongkong's first newspaper editors and the Court's dealings with them.

### Rainstorms Leave Trail Of Dead On Both Sides Of Atlantic

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 22. Thirty-one people were reported killed and thousands injured and homeless as a result of an unprecedented all-night rain-storm here.

Police today recovered 23 bodies but many more victims are known to be buried under the shantytown huts and the landslides of rock and sand. The shantytown area, precariously perched on steep mountain slopes, was the worst affected but several stone buildings also collapsed burying the occupants.

### In Madrid

In Madrid, at least 12 people have been killed and about 6,000 made homeless by storms which have swept across Spain in the past three days. A 50 m.p.h. gale today sank several small fishing boats and damaged others at the port of Malaga. Landslides are blocking the Malaga-Madrid railway line. In Seville where 5,000 people evacuated their homes when the river Guadalquivir rose about 23 feet above its normal level. In Rabat, Morocco, torrential rains brought by an Atlantic storm, raised food prices, including several Moroccan villages and cutting direct road links between Rabat and Tangier today.—Reuters and U.P.I.

### Agreement

Few details were released when the economic and technical co-operation pact between Russia and Egypt was signed in the Kremlin last January, but some reports put the total Soviet aid offered at about £70 million. The agreement said the two governments would join in the development in Egypt of geological work, mineral production, oil prospecting, oil products, building of machinery, the metal, chemical, textile, food-stuffs and light industries, medicines and medical equipment.

Russian organisations would supply Egypt with machinery and equipment and would help plan the building of industrial establishments, it added. The Russians also promised to help instal and operate machines and equipment to bring Egypt's production to a specified level, and to undertake the training of men for Egyptian industry. Moscow Radio said that to pay for the machines and projects, Russia offered Egypt a loan to be repaid in 12 years at interest of two and a half per cent per annum interest.

### Aswan Dam

Last October 23, Mr Nikita Khrushchev announced that Russia would advance 400 million roubles (about £33 million at the official exchange rate) credit to the U.A.R. to help finance the first stage of the Aswan Dam scheme, according to Tass, the Soviet News Agency. This was for machinery, equipment and other materials lacking in the U.A.R. he said. Technicians and experts would also be provided. Britain and the United States withdrew their offers of financial support for the £464 million dam project just before Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal in 1956.—Reuters.

### Churchill To Visit Marrakesh

London, Dec. 22. Sir Winston Churchill—now 85—plans to visit Marrakesh, Morocco, for a holiday arriving there probably on January 6, authoritative sources said here today. Quarters close to Sir Winston Churchill said the date was not definitely fixed, but that he had decided "in principle" to visit Marrakesh.—China Mail Special.

## Window-Banging Bird Lovers Chalk Up Win

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### Her Minute-Old Son



Hovering in the background, Mrs. Janice Gilson smiles as ambulance stewards bundle her minute-old son, Francis Patrick Gilson III, for a trip to the hospital after he came into the world practically unaided. Summoned by a phone call, the stewards arrived just in time to hear the tell-tale squalls that made it plain Francis had arrived. — UPI Telephoto.

## Three More Pacifists To Spend Christmas In Gaol

London, Dec. 23. Three pacifists who attempted to present a petition to Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, tonight joined their brethren—in gaol.

The trio was part of a group of some 200 pacifists who marched on No. 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's official residence, to present the petition on nuclear disarmament.

Twenty-two of their comrades who took part in a "non-violent" demonstration at the missile construction site near Swaffham on Sunday are spending their Christmas in gaol. Nine others declined a chance for martyrdom today and chose instead to spend Christmas Day out of prison.

### Behind Bars

The 22 elected to remain behind bars until December 26 rather than promise the authorities they would not picket the missile construction site. Some 250 pacifists met tonight in support of the campaign for nuclear disarmament and to express sympathy for their jailed friends. The meeting and the demonstrations are organized by the direct action committee against nuclear war. Then, about a 200 people marched through Trafalgar Square to Downing Street. But

police kept them moving right on through. The arrested demonstrators tried to present the petition and police told them to move on. They did not, so they were bundled off to gaol.—U.P.I.

### BUS PLUNGES INTO DEEP RAVINE

Athens, Dec. 22. A bus full of passengers missed a difficult turn and plunged into a 3,000 foot ravine today, killing 25 persons in the Jannina region of western Greece.

Four of the other passengers were seriously injured in the crash but were still alive, while a fifth—a young girl—managed to escape before the vehicle went over the edge. The accident occurred on one of the most difficult turns of the winding mountain road of the Epirus Province.—France-Press.

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## Aga Khan Denies Betrothal Rumours

Gstaad, Dec. 22. Prince Karim Aga Khan today categorically denied newspaper reports that he would shortly announce his engagement to Sylvia Casablanca, the daughter of a rich Mexican financier.

He said he had no intention of announcing his engagement to anybody at this time. Karim said he had come to Gstaad for a short holiday, and would return to Harvard University in the United States after the New Year to finish his studies.

He described the speculations about his engagement as "ridiculous."—France-Press.

### Army Officer Arrested

Accra, Dec. 22. An Army officer has been arrested in connection with an assassination plot against Premier Kwame Nkrumah, it was learned today. The officer is Major B. Awhallor, Camp Commandant at Accra. He has been ordered by Army authorities to remain within his residence.—U.P.I.

## Fresh Poultry Prices Up 100 Per Cent

By CHINA MAIL REPORTER  
Fresh poultry prices have gone up on the local market this year, in some cases as much as 100 per cent. However, imported chickens, turkeys and ducks from America, Australia and other countries have remained at steady prices according to various stores contacted this morning.

The manager of one big Chinese store's food department said the price of fresh poultry and eggs had gone up quite considerably. The reason, he believed, was that the Mainland was not sending as much this year as in the past.

### Shortage

He believed the shortage was brought about by the commune system in China. He said that in the past, individuals used to raise chickens in their own backyards and in their homes, but when the communal style of living was introduced, this practice ceased. He added that it will take some time before Hongkong receives the same amount of poultry as in the past.

The manager of one of the big English stores said that prices for poultry and eggs on the local market had gone up, but imported food prices had remained steady.

He believed that this price hike was normal on the local market for this time of the year. "It is usually the same with Mainland products," he said. "When they see there is a rush for it, the price goes up."

### Big Stores

Almost all of the big stores will be open tomorrow, but for delivery over the Christmas holidays, all orders should have been in by noon today. This was the situation at Lane, Crawford's. However, their bakery department will be making deliveries throughout the Colony, both on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Wellcome's will continue with a three-times a day delivery service throughout the Christmas holidays. The store will only be closed on Christmas Day.

The Dairy Farm's main stores will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, but their self-service stores in King's Road and Waterloo Road, will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the evening, on both days. Milk will be delivered to standing order customers throughout the holiday period as usual. Milk will be sold at most of the Dairy Farm's shops, excluding Windsor House and Manson House, between 7.30 and 11 a.m.

## Collaborator Lived In Earth Hole For 8 Years

Warsaw, Dec. 22. Police, with the aid of a police dog named Tarzan, recently discovered a former Nazi collaborator who had spent the last eight years in hiding in a hole dug under his father-in-law's barn, it was disclosed today.

Marion Machniak, a resident of Opatow in the Kielce area, was arrested in 1950 and accused of killing a number of Jews during the war. He managed to escape before the court was able to read the death sentence passed upon him.

Police searching his father-in-law's farm discovered the fugitive. For eight years he had rarely left his hole in the ground. Only his wife and his father-in-law knew his secret. Even his own children did not know him.

Machniak was arrested suffering from tuberculosis. He was taken to the prison hospital at Sandomierz.—France-Press.

### Train Crash

Tunbridge Wells, Dec. 22. A diesel express from Hastings to London crashed into a stationary train at Tunbridge Wells today causing injuries to about 20 people.

Most were treated for shock and cuts but the diesel driver and one woman passenger were taken to hospital.—China Mail Special.

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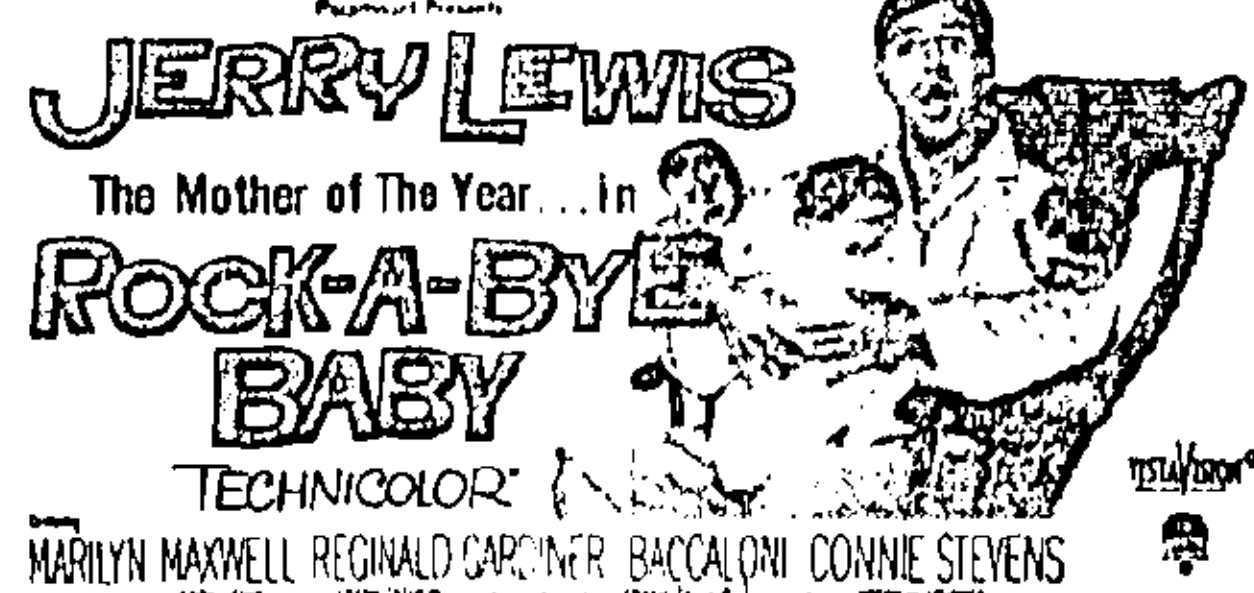
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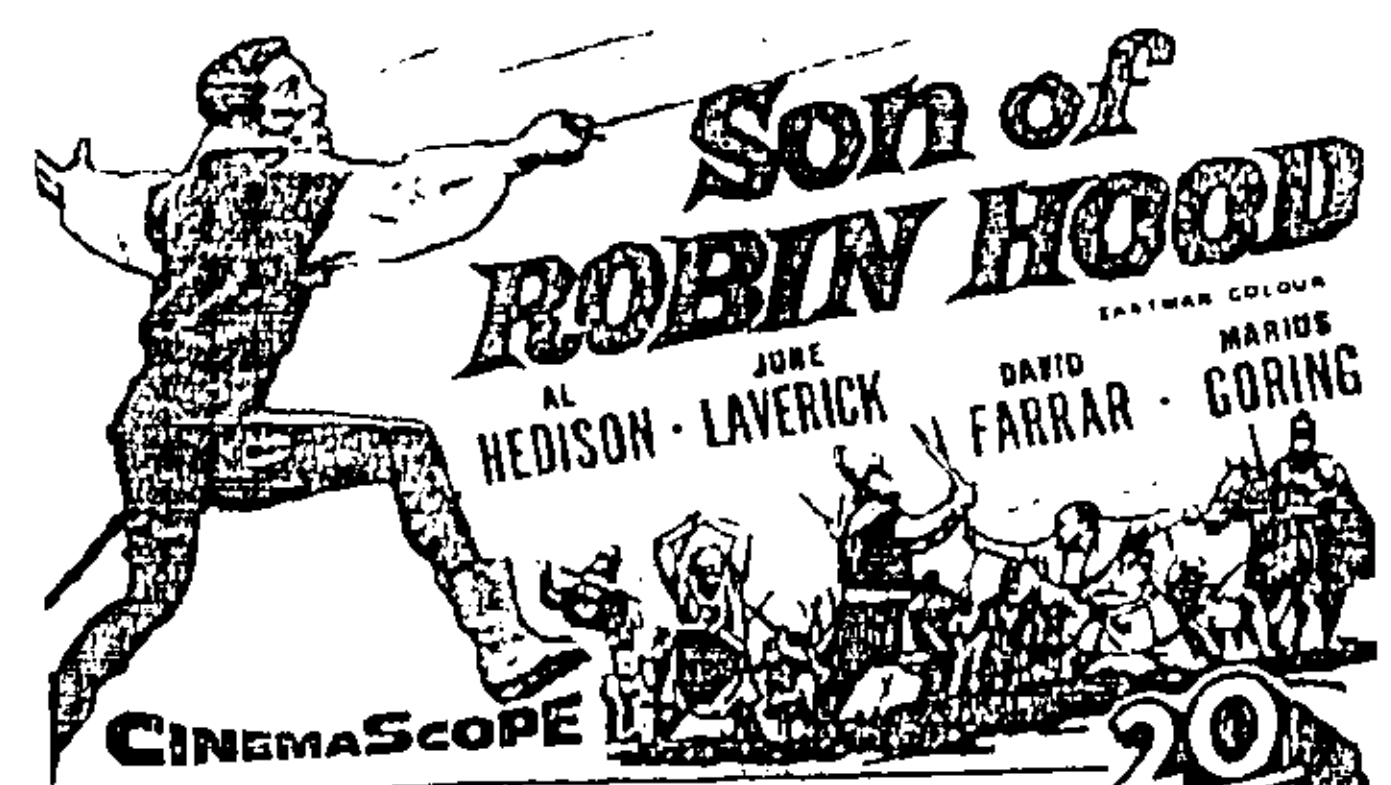


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## WILL PRINCE TAKE JAPAN'S THRONE?

# Hirohito Rumoured To Retire

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Will Emperor Hirohito abdicate next year and step down for Crown Prince Akihito and his bride? That is the hottest question in Japan as the popular heir apparent celebrates his 25th birthday today.

## Ike's Reveals His Budget Of \$77,000m

Washington, Dec. 22. President Eisenhower announced today that he would send Congress a balanced budget for the fiscal year 1959-60 calling for expenditures of about \$77,000 million.

The President's step in announcing in advance the approximate size of his budget is without precedent in recent years.

Mr Eisenhower, who completed work on the budget early today, issued a short statement which said that the budget would provide a record peacetime expenditure for defence. The current defence spending in the fiscal year which ends next June will total, it is estimated, \$40,600 million.—Reuters.

## MALTESE END LONDON TALKS

London, Dec. 22. Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, had a final meeting here tonight with the delegation of the Malta Nationalist Party led by Dr G. Borge Olivier.

A Colonial Office statement later said, "Although it has not been possible to reach general agreement at this round of talks, there has been a valuable exchange of views with the Nationalist Party delegation."—Reuters.

The question is the natural follow-up to Akihito's engagement to pretty Michiko Shoda last month. The court has indicated that Akihito and the woman he wooed and won on the tennis court will marry next May. Second guessers say that would be as fine a time as any for this country's shy and retiring ruler to vacate his throne in favour of his first-born son.

Hirohito would not be setting a new precedent. Abdication was the rule rather than the exception back in the 12th and 14th centuries though the moves were usually based on political expedience.

The last time an Emperor gave up his throne was in 1917 when Emperor Kokaku abdicated in favour of Emperor Nihon.

## Fourth Chance

The mass circulation weekly Shinhwa Magazine came out this week with a special article asking: "Will the Emperor seize this fourth chance?"

Shinhwa's reference was to three previous occasions when this question was asked:

• In 1945 immediately after World War II when the Allies were seriously considering whether to retain the Emperor, force him to abdicate in favour of his eldest son, or abolish the Emperor system altogether.

• In 1948, when the Allied Military Tribunal for the Far East convicted General Hideki Tojo and other wartime Japanese leaders of war crimes and executed seven of them.

• In 1952, when Japan finally became independent and the Crown Prince became 18 years old, the coming of age in the Imperial family.—U.P.I.

## Murders

Singapore, Dec. 22. Singapore's two main secret societies, the "98" and the "24", murdered 12 people in 1957, according to the police report for that year published today. The total number of murders in the Colony of one and half million was 26. — China Mail Special.



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## Girl Stowaway Returns Home

London, Dec. 22.

Margaret Georgiana Cator, 17-year-old London model, sent back to England from Singapore after an unsuccessful stowaway bid to reach her boy friend in Australia, returned home today in the 14,000-ton liner Corfu.

On the liner's arrival at Tilbury immigration officials, press photographers and reporters, went aboard to see her but the sad-faced girl had little to say to anyone.

She sat in a lounge while photographers snapped her clutching an open letter and a black handbag. Photographers called "Look this way, Margaret!" but to all their requests she made no reply or movement.

When she had finished a cigarette, she walked off the ship telling reporters: "I have nothing to say."

Margaret stowed away just over six weeks ago in the P. & O. liner Himalaya to join her 21-year-old friend Allan Wood, who lives at Wollongong near Sydney, Australia.

She was found on the way out, taken off the boat at

Singapore where she spent a night in gaol and then transferred to the Corfu to be returned to England and her mother.

While she was at Singapore an Australian newspaper and several rich Chinese offered to pay the cost of her passage to Australia but Margaret is a minor and her mother demanded that she should return.

On her way back from Singapore she was kept in the ship's isolation hospital, fed on crew meals, allowed on a small part of the deck when the ship was at sea but locked up when it was in port.

"She was treated as what she was, a stowaway," a P. & O. official said today.

She was "a very lucky girl not to be prosecuted,"—China Mail Special.

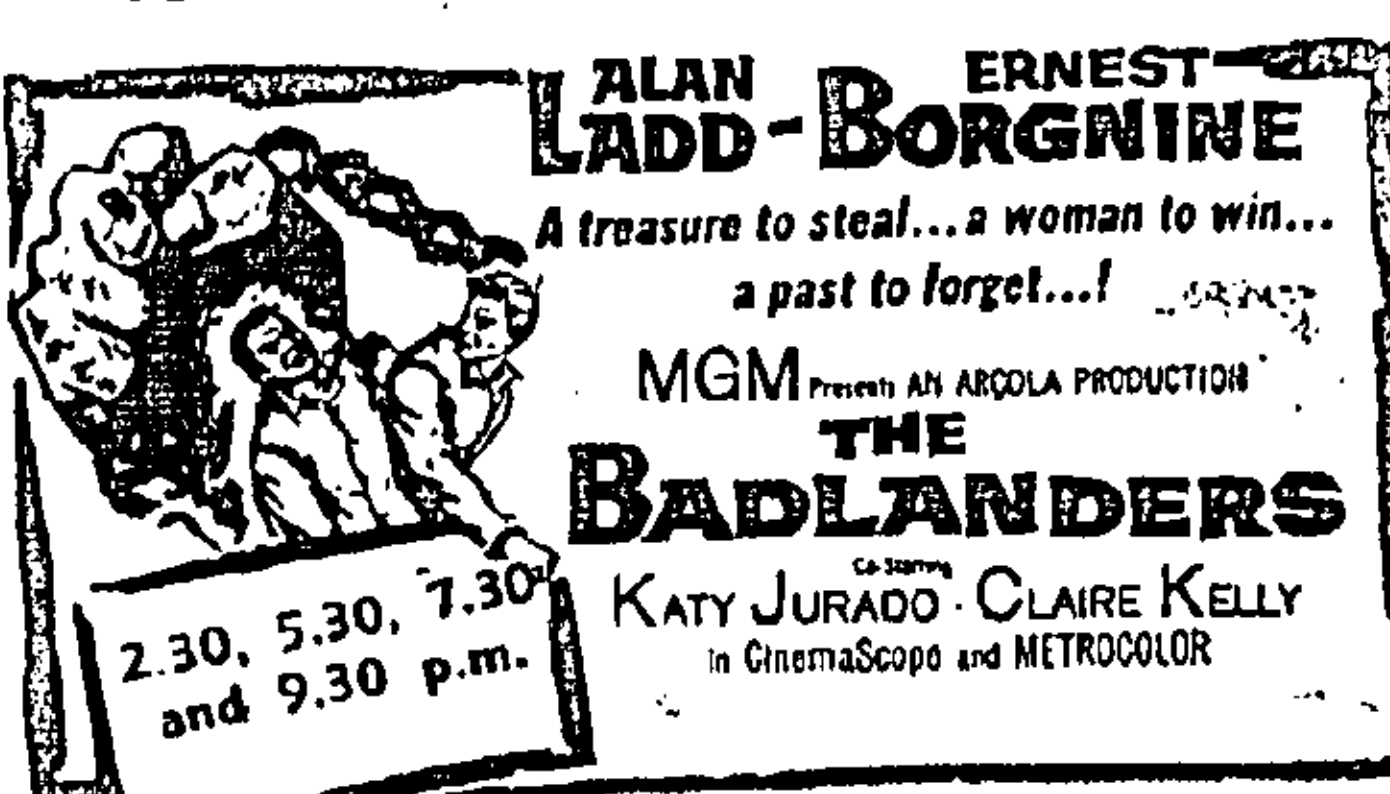
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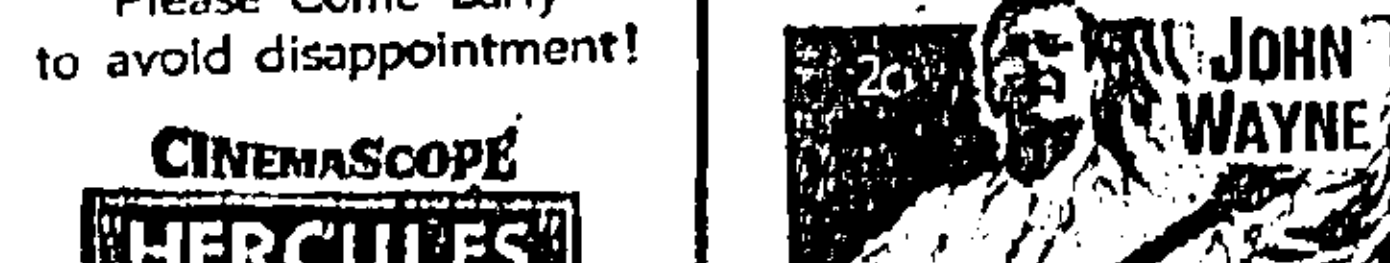
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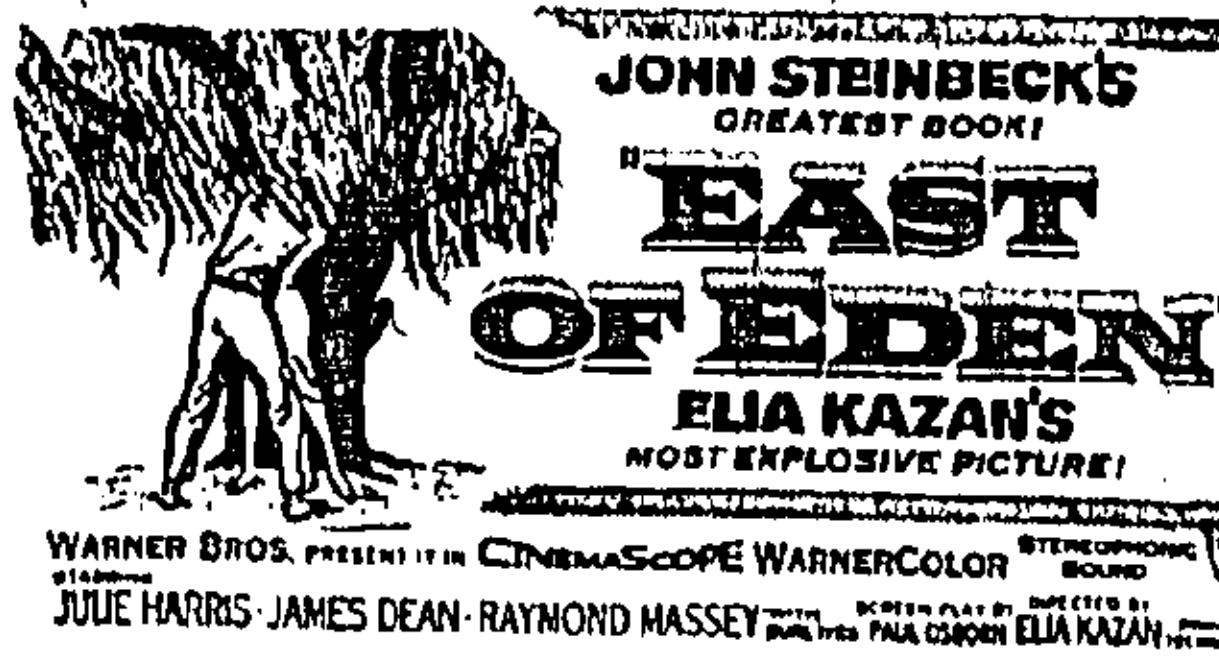
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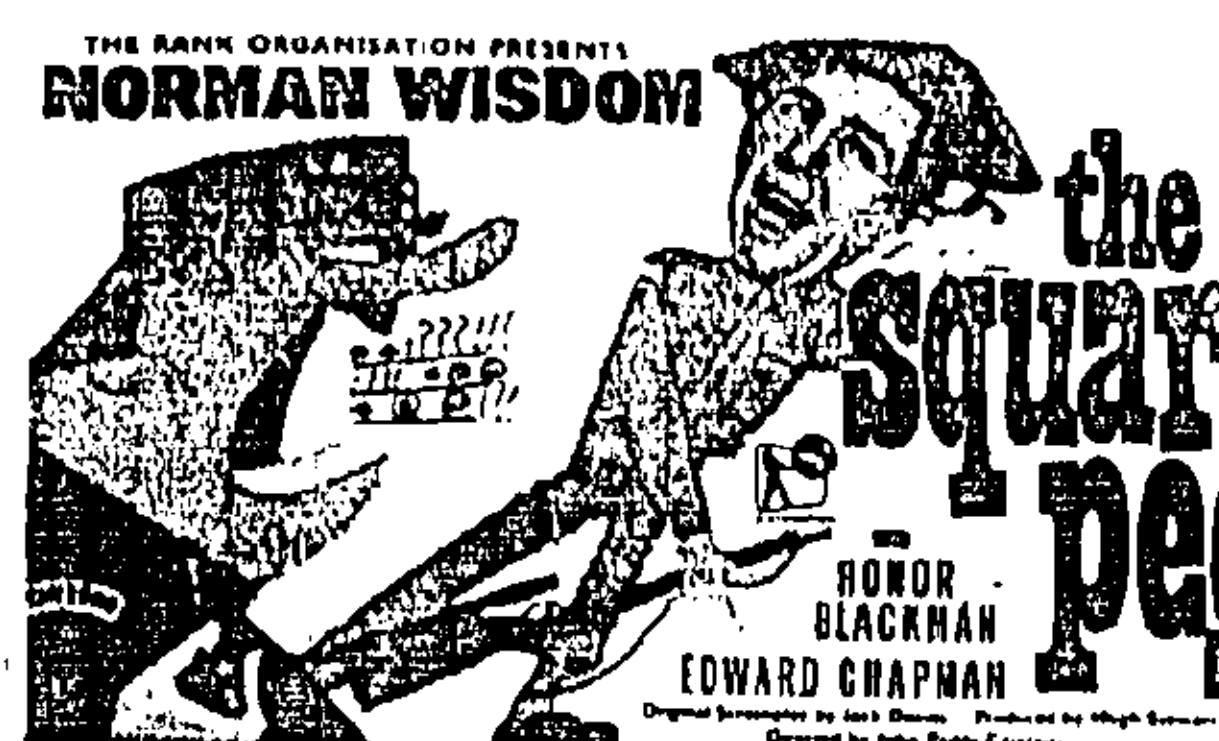
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# SECRET OF LONGER LIFE IN GRASP?

## Scientists Hope For Big Developments In Next Few Years

New York, Dec. 22.

Concrete ways of lengthening the life span of healthy human beings are likely to be developed in 1959 or shortly afterwards.

### Army Moves On Cyprus Complaint

Nicosia, Dec. 22. Army authorities have allocated £1,000,000 for general improvement on Army tents in Cyprus.

More than £250,000 of this has already been spent.

The British Government announced last week that it was investigating complaints in a letter to a London daily newspaper from a warrant officer serving in Cyprus who declared that his men were living in the most abject conditions because of poor tents.

At the time, the Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, Mr. Hugh Fraser, told Parliament that 2,400 improved tents had already been sent to the island.

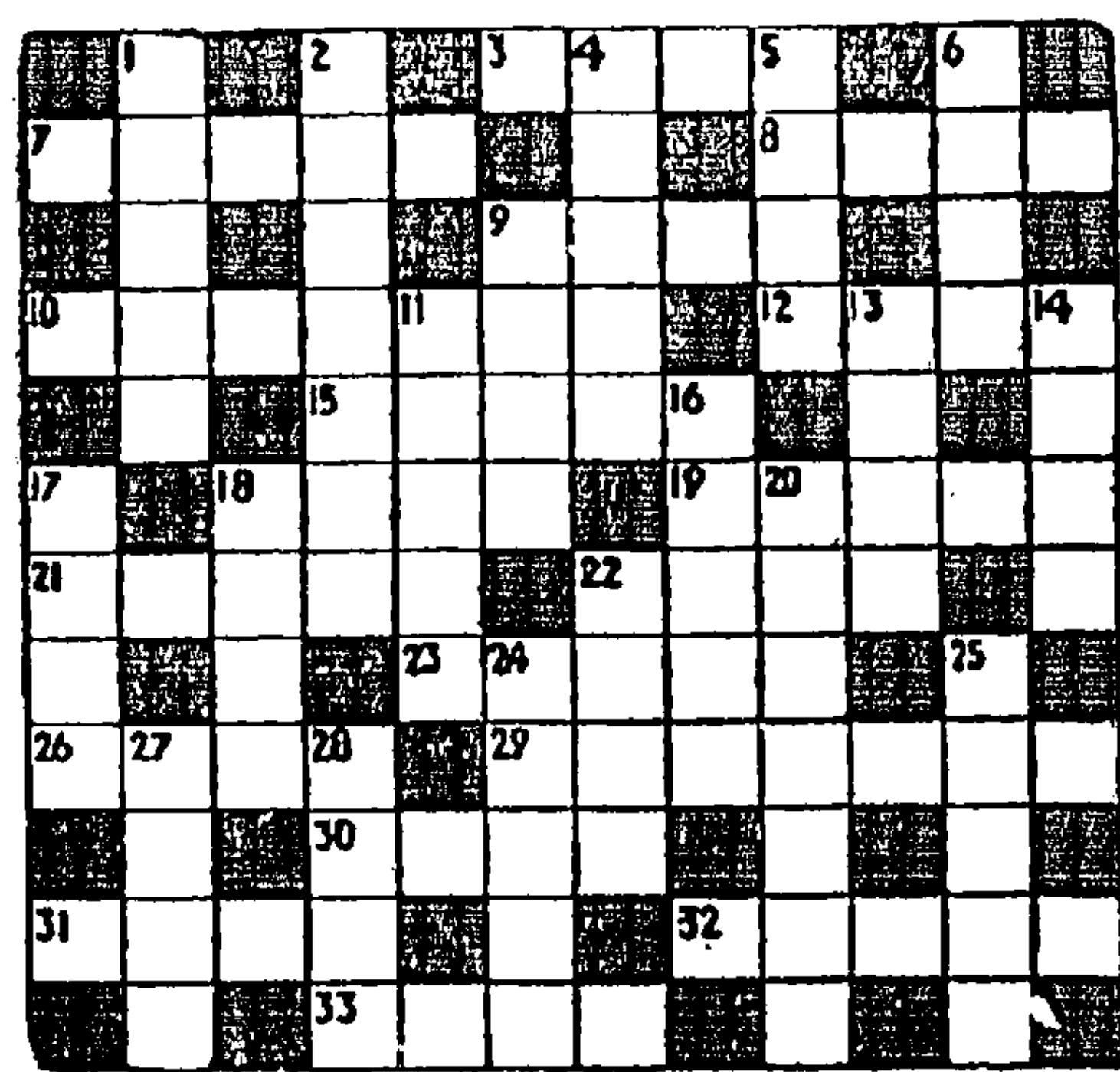
A further 1,300 old-type tents which had been specially renovated were also sent.

He added that the War Minister, Mr. Christopher Soames, would visit Cyprus during the Christmas parliamentary recess. — China Mail Special.

### Tensing's Appeal

Katmandu, Dec. 22. Tensing Norgay, who climbed Mount Everest, today called on Nepalese youth to train themselves in mountain climbing to prove their worthiness as guides to Himalayan climbers. — U.P.I.

### A British Crossword Puzzle

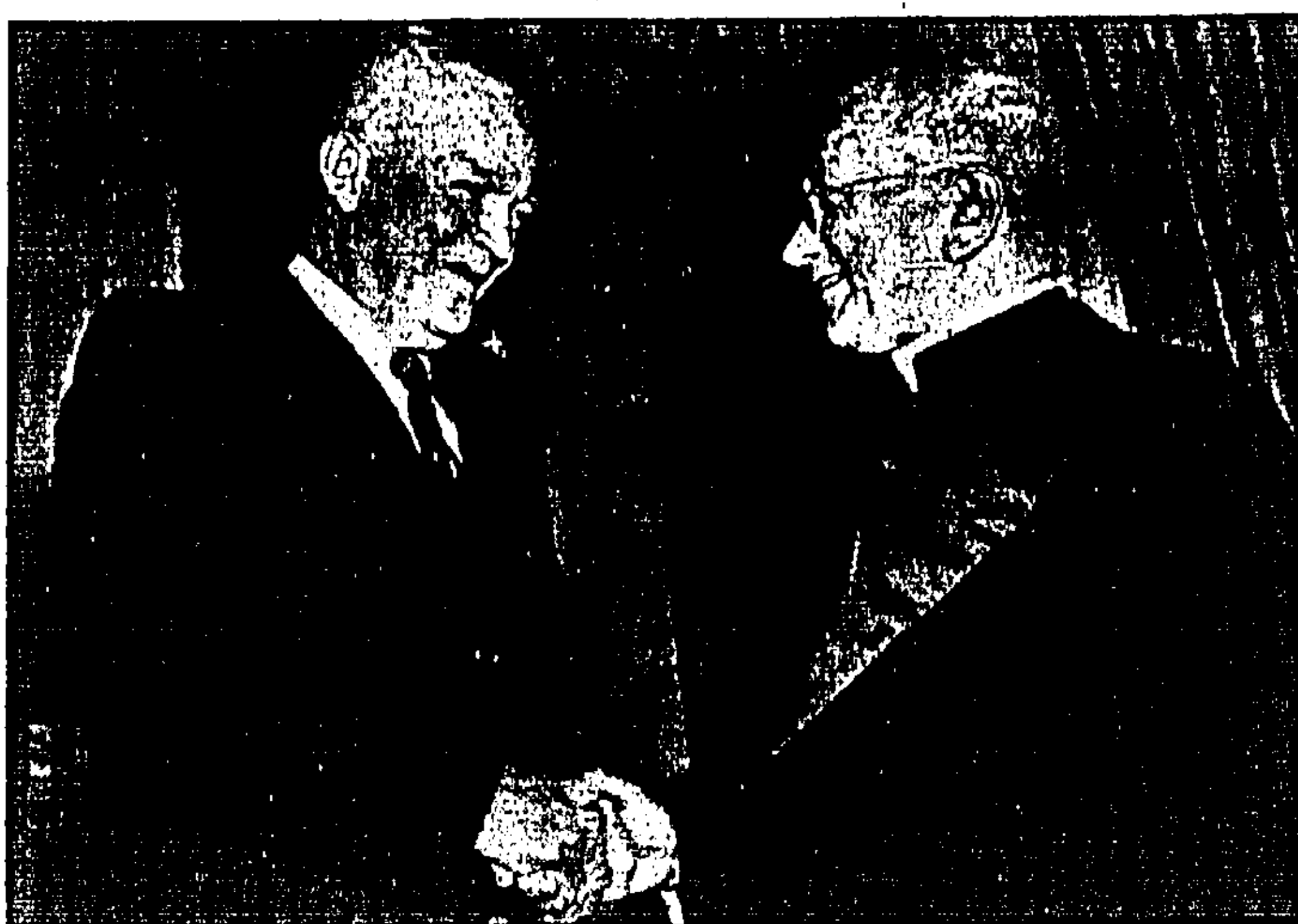


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5 50 per cent (4).  
7 Smashed and penniless (5).  
8 Without thinking (4).  
9 Cook or hen (4).  
10 They are used in the malding of pens (7).  
12 Unused, in a philatelic sense (4).  
15 Small portions (5).  
16 Put in prison (4).  
19 Make a speech (5).  
21 Softens (5).  
22 Arabian report (4).  
23 You must surely be mistaken in it (5).  
26 It goes up and down but gets nowhere (4).  
29 This is really big (7).  
30 Not fair? (4).  
31 Layer of cake (4).  
32 He gives things away (5).  
33 Team awn? (4).

**DOWN**  
1 It gets tickled to death sometimes (5).  
2 Cumberland mountain (7).  
4 Got out of a garden bed? (5).  
5 Moving entertainment? (4).  
6 McDonald, maybe (4).  
8 Tumbled down? That's dreadful (4).  
11 On which revellers may go (5).  
13 Possibly vain Russian (4).  
14 The note of personal address (4).  
16 Lot left it, so do many! (5).  
17 Stop play! (4).  
18 Cooper? (4).  
20 Church screen, rose-red perhaps (7).  
22 Mary's troops (4).  
24 Vexed (5).  
25 Villain (5).  
27 Nothing to the noise a god makes (4).  
28 Personally possessive (4).

**MONDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 F-rigid, 7 Oder, 9 Delta, 10 Mire, 11 Eola, 13 Messenger, 15 Isle, 16 Dis, 19 Iron-master, 22 Able, 24 Lath, 25 Cut in, 26 Ruse, 27 Rattle. Down: 2 Rules, 3 Grace, 4 Damage, 5 Coterie, 6 Peel, 8 Dress, 12 Spear, 13 Media, 14 Secreted, 17 Silas, 18 Endear, 20 Acet, 21 Total, 23 Blue.

## President And Cardinal



Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. (right), newly designated cardinal, made a farewell call on President Eisenhower before leaving for Rome. President Eisenhower this month became the oldest President in the history of the U.S.—U.P.I. Telephoto.

## A Merry Christmas For Korea's Orphans

Seoul, Dec. 22.

In England, Christmas means carols and plum pudding, in America, turkey and cranberry sauce and family gatherings, but in Korea it means orphans.

If the members of the United Nations forces can locate them, every orphan in Korea will have a Merry Christmas.

More than 10,000 Korean orphans near American military installations are going to share in the Yuletide spirit this year.

Almost every military unit, from a frontline company along the demilitarized zone that separates South Korea from the Communist North to a quartermaster group in the Southernmost port city of Pusan, has plans to fête underprivileged Korean tots in parties and with gifts during the Christmas season.

In return, the troops are entertained with folk dances by their young guests and Christmas carols sung in Korean and in a version of English.

### Gifts

Last year members of the United Nations command donated about \$58,000 to brighten the lives of needy Korean children and it is expected that even more will be spent this Christmas.

Many servicemen also wage individual campaigns to solicit gifts of clothing, food and toys through their families, churches and newspapers back in their home town.

One of the largest Christmas parties in Korea is to be held in Taegu where over 2,000 orphans from 60 orphanages in the area will be entertained by members of detachment of U.S. Army Advisory Group, and the Taegu subpost of the Pusan area command.

Under the annual Christmas campaign named "operation helping hand," more than \$3,000 has been raised from 800 American troops in the Taegu area. Many of them wrote home, and tons of clothing, blankets, and other gifts have arrived from various parts of the United States.

Some 2,000 orphans and other needy children who live close to the demilitarized zone in the U.S. first cavalry division sector will be guests of American GIs in separate parties sponsored by their units.

The troops of the U.S. Seventh Infantry Division also will feed 2,000 other children under "operation Santa Claus." —U.P.I.

### Veteran Actor Dies

Hollywood, Dec. 22.

H. B. Warner, who portrayed the Saviour in "The King of Kings" three decades ago, died yesterday at the motion picture country home after a long illness. He was 82.

The home announced his death today.

Warner gained screen immortality for his portrayal of Jesus in Nazareth in the Cecil B. de Mille epic of 1927. His farewell appearance was in another de Mille picture, "The Ten Commandments," two years ago. —U.P.I.

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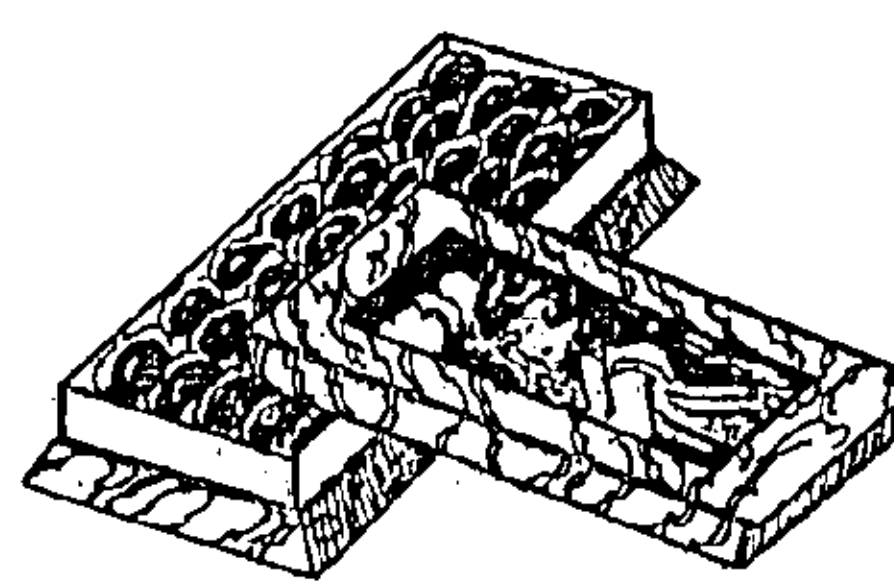
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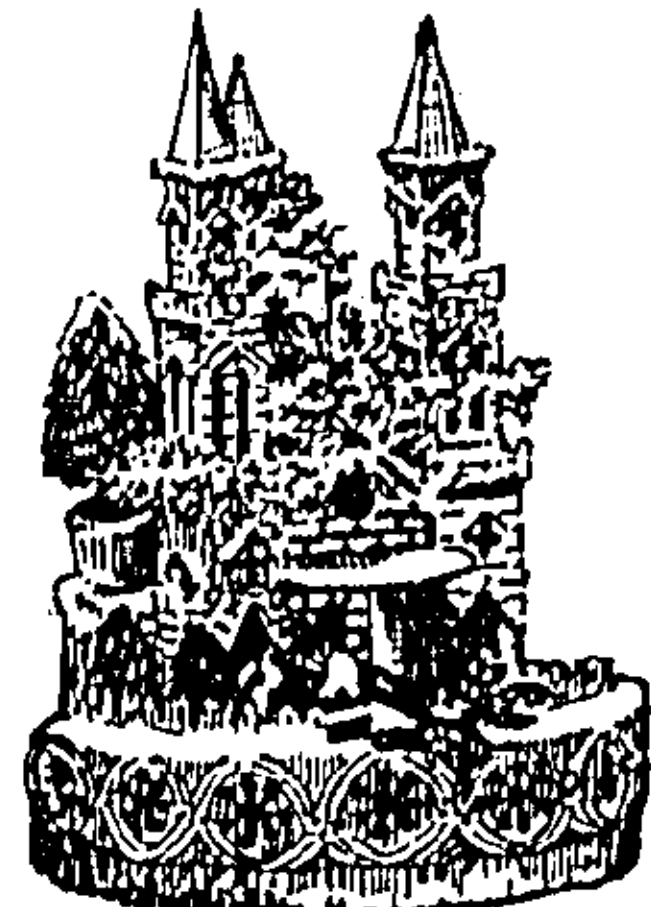
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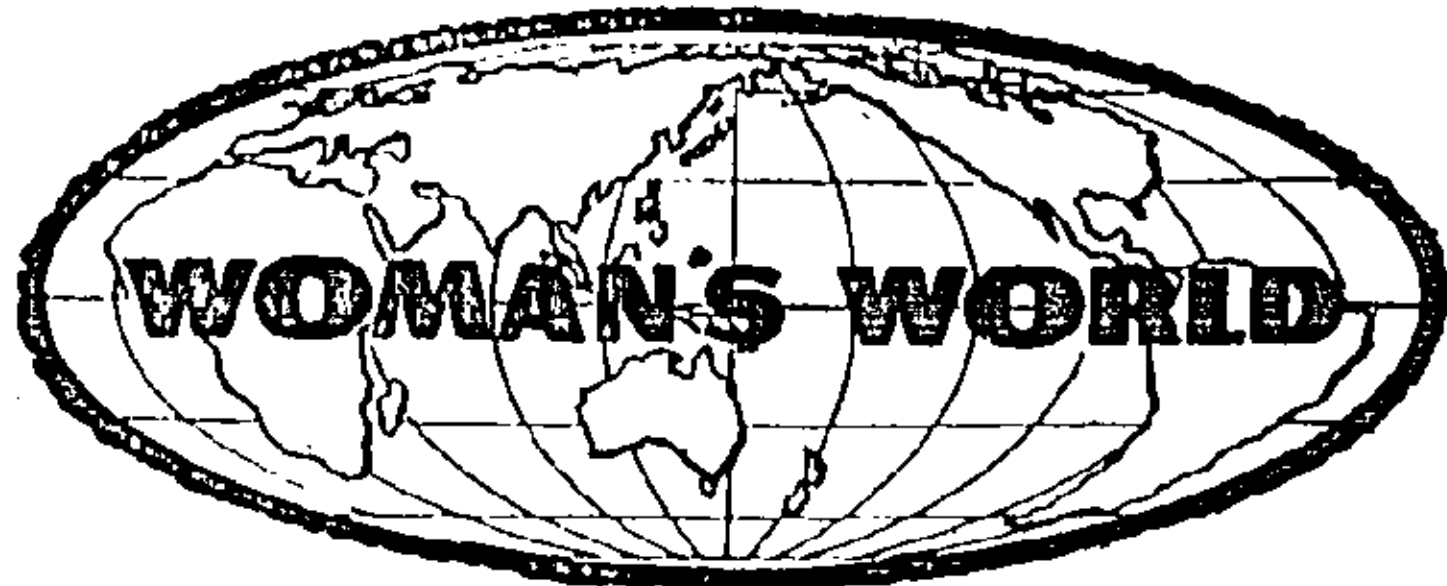






# WOMAN SENSE

## A ROYAL FARMER



### Nepalese Marriage Customs

Kathmandu. Four 12-year-old Nepalese girls were recently "married" to fruits to prevent them from becoming widows.

This is an ancient custom, still practiced in Nepal, by which the fruit remains the girl's "husband", even though the latter takes a human shape.

It means that even if her human husband dies, she is not considered a widow, and escapes the ignominy of widowhood with a full complement of married life, such as

clothes and humble position of servant to the rest of the family.

The ceremony of marriage to a fruit of the local tree is similar to a normal Hindu marriage ceremony, performed by a priest before the ritual fire—only the "bridegrooms" sit on a dower-decked dishes at the feet of the brides.

After the ceremony, the brides must take good care of their "husbands", and since the fruit is almost imperishable they can well expect that their "husbands" will outlive them—Heater.

### JACOBY on BRIDGE

WHEN General George jumped to three hearts he knew he was overbidding a little but George likes to overbid and give his opponents a chance to get him.

There was no problem about North's late to game or about West's opening lead of the king of clubs.

George was generous enough to let West hold that trick. He even the next lead of the suit, came to his own hand by ruffing a third club and led a low trump.

West played the nine and George smiled sweetly at him and remarked: "What a nice little card. Anyone else would play the queen from dummy, but I

NORTH		11
AKJ7	Q	
Q862	K	
A53		
WEST (D)		EAST
983	Q	K1052
A109	K	Q
QJ3		10943
KQJ10		8762
SOUTH		
64		
J876432		
A7		
94		
No one vulnerable		
West	North	East
1	4	2
Pass	4	Pass
Opening lead—K		

### Q-CARD SENSE

Q-The bidding has been: East South West North 1♣ 2♥ 2♠ 2♦

Pass You, South, hold:

AKJ97 ♥AQ84 ♦AJ52 ♠6

What do you do?

A—Bid four diamonds. You certainly want to be in game, but want to leave the major suits open in case your partner wants to bid one.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has started the same way as in the previous question. You, South, hold:

QJ2 ♥A4 ♦AQ10533 ♠QJ6

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

### YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

BORN on the first day of the incoming sign, Capricorn, you are ruled by Jupiter, and you are wise and fortunate in your decisions and have the makings of a philosopher and counselor. Yet you also have an alert, business mind and can plan things on a large scale. No one is apt to get ahead of you on any negotiation, for you are shrewd and at times even shrewd in your bargaining. You may be slower in making up your mind than some, but once you have made a decision, it is a wise one and it will stick.

You have a vivid imagination but as a rule you keep it well under control. You do have a gift, especially when young, of building castles in the air. But you also have the gift of making those dreams come true, for you are also a practical person who likes to see ideas made real. With you, seldom speak more loudly than words. You are inclined to act first and then talk about it. Consequently your activities often come as a surprise to those who

think that because you are not saying anything, you are not doing anything either.

You have a certain dramatic ability, but whether you will use this professionally on the stage or utilize your gift in the field of literature or on the lecture platform will largely depend upon your training and experience in life.

Among those born on this date are Joseph Smith, Mormon founder; George McClellan, founder of Jefferson Medical College; Samuel Smiles, Scottish physician, educator and author; Rene Basin, French author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

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PRINCESS MARGRETHE, heir to the Danish throne, who following her 18th birthday this year (1958) is gradually taking on more responsibilities in the Royal household, is now known to people in Denmark as their "farming Princess."

The tall, fair-haired young Princess with the ready smile has now begun to come far more into the limelight, not just as the King's elder daughter, but as a future Queen.

During the absence of King Frederick and Queen Ingrid on a fortnight's holiday in Italy in November, the Princess acted as Regent. She performed her public duties, including the launching of a new ferry-boat for use on the service to Sweden, with the vivacious charm which Danes have come to expect of her.

Princess Margrethe's private life is not one long whirl of dances and parties. She loves to be out of doors. And now one of her most absorbing interests is to be "down on the farm"—her own farm—in the agricultural heart of Zealand, eastward of Denmark's islands, on which the capital stands.

The farm, complete with livestock, was among many presents received by the Princess on her 18th birthday. It was given her, free of debt, by Danish farmers.

Deliberately not a showpiece, Nordgarden, as it is called, is in size a typical example of the country's 200,000 farmholdings.

#### UNDULATING

It stands in pleasantly undulating, wooded countryside near Ringsted, about 45 miles from Copenhagen and is quite close to a former Royal residence.

Although the crown once possessed about 40 per cent of all land in Denmark, no Sovereign since Frederick VII (1848-63) has personally owned a farm.

Such interest has been aroused by this latest Royal farm that it has been found necessary to put up a sign which is most unusual

#### RED ROOFS

Nordgarden, with its white-washed walls and red roofs, displays quite fortuitously the national colours.

The donors, however, did not wish the Princess to have an artificial showpiece but a proper farm, presenting all the difficulties which other farmers have to overcome.

The King and Queen were informed of the plan in advance and inspected the chosen farm with almost as much pleasure as Princess Margrethe, when she took possession a month after her birthday.

The quality of the soil is roughly that of neighbouring



Princess Margrethe of Denmark in a non-farming mood.—Central Press.

farmsteads—not outstandingly good. It is a general mixed farm, relying on the use of its

Each year, about 200 pigs will be delivered from the Princess's farm to the local co-operative bacon factory. Soon, poultry will also be introduced.

Day-to-day running of the farm has been entrusted to a young manager and his wife, Mr and Mrs Jørgen Pilegaard, assisted by a herdsman, a farm-hand and a maid. But the Princess will spend as much time there as she can.

In addition to her small staff of workers, she will actually have as "partners" 20 per cent of all Danes—the entire rural population—who share many special services here, and work together to speed up common aims.

The Princess has already joined the local agricultural society, and like all other farmers, she can, by picking up a telephone, get quick and expert advice on any subjects such as vegetable crops, cattle breeding, or farm accounts.

A veterinary surgeon calls regularly at the Royal farm to inspect the livestock, and the yield of each cow is recorded by the local milk society.

#### FEEDING

The Princess, through her farm, is, in fact, feeding about 225 people. Since two-thirds of Danish bacon, eggs and milk are exported, a large proportion of the people eating the produce of the Princess's farm and those of her farmer neighbours are British and Germans.

Life on a farm well suits the Princess, who has always been noted for her good health and out-of-doors interests. She loves swimming, and is still an excellent and keen long distance runner, a sport at which she excelled as a schoolgirl. For several weeks last summer, she joined other Danish girls of her age group in a Women's Air Corps camp at a Danish air force base.

She will bring a practical, down-to-earth outlook to the running of this new royal farm. Are financial prospects for "farmer Margrethe"—as people

call her here—and her colleagues bright? About two years ago, one could have said they were. But the Princess has taken over her farm at a tricky period in Danish agricultural history.

Before a marketing crisis set in last year, the owner of a farm like Nordgarden could make a profit of about 25,000 kroner (about £1,250 sterling) a year—not tremendous earnings even then.

Nowadays, the Danish farmer has to be very much on his toes to make a good living, with increasing competition in dairy produce from other countries.

#### PRODUCTION

From the money point of view, there is little cause to envy Margrethe and her farmer neighbours, considering the labour which has to be put into agricultural production.

Denmark has had to struggle for years against policies of protection, Government subsidies and guaranteed prices with which most European and some South American countries have supported their own farming industries.

So the Danish farmer has to work hard the year round. But he likes it. A well-known farmer here said recently: "It is not only a vocation, but a way of life." And an old farmer's son says: "We would not change it for that of kings."

Princess Margrethe has taken the song at its word—while still remaining a most gracious Queen of the future.

—John Chadwick

### Household Hints

Select a few good quality pots and pans rather than a quantity of cheap ones. Choose those that are easy to clean, care for and store.

Grated orange rind mixed with tea gives it a special and exotic flavour.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### An Exciting Adventure

—Chris Cricket Gets Chased By A Lion—

By MAX TRELL

"I HAD quite an adventure yesterday afternoon," said Christopher Cricket.

He had just come out from behind the loose brick in the fireplace where he was preparing to spend the winter.

Seeing Knarf and Hand, the two Shadow children with the Turned-About Names, sitting on the back steps of the house, in the pleasant morning sunshine Chris had decided to join them.

#### Crossed His Legs

"Now about this adventure of mine," Chris began again, as he crossed five or six of his legs, "I don't suppose you'd care to hear about it."

"Of course we would!" exclaimed Hand.

Knarf simply said: "Was it really an adventure, Chris? I mean was it exciting?"

"Oh, not very exciting," Chris replied. "I was only chased by a Lion, that's all."

Here Knarf and Hand each let out a yell of surprise.

"That's right," said Christopher. "And after I was chased by a Lion, I jumped on the back

of a Tiger. Then I climbed a tree with a Monkey and I slid down a Giraffe's neck."

#### Tell All

By this time, Knarf and Hand were so worked up about Christopher's mysterious adventure that they begged him to start from the beginning and tell them all about it.

So after uncrossing his legs and recrossing them another way, Christopher began:

"Well, it was a fine afternoon yesterday, so I took my guitar and got on a bus and sat myself down under an empty seat. By and by I heard the driver call out: 'Next stop, the Zoo!'

"I got off the bus and went into the zoo along with a crowd of girls and boys and other people. I thought it would be a good idea to play my guitar for some of the animals who live there."

#### Taking A Nap

"Finally, I came to the cage where the Lion was living. A crowd of people were pressed up against the bars—or as near to the bars as they could get—looking at the Lion. Only he wasn't looking at them. He seemed to be taking a nap in the far corner of the cage."

"Pardon me," I said to the people, as I pushed my way in through the bars. I sat myself down on a bit of wood right close to the Lion. Then I started to play a song on my guitar, for I thought that would be a pleasant way to start waking him up."

"What happened?" asked Knarf.

"He didn't like it," said Christopher. "He leaped up with a roar and started chasing me around the cage. I didn't waste



The Lion leaped at Chris with a roar.

any time. I sprang into the next cage.

"Who was in the next cage?" asked Hand.

"A Tiger!" said Christopher. "He didn't like me any more than the Lion did. Luckily, I got out of his way, too, and got into the third cage."

"And here I had a wonderful time. I sprang on a Monkey's shoulder. He climbed up a tree with me. I sprang with him from branch to branch. It was wonderful!"

"Then I got into the fourth cage where the Giraffe lived. I spent the rest of the afternoon sliding down his neck. It was like sliding down a wonderful banister."

"The last thing I did before I left the zoo and came home again was to play my guitar for a whole family of Seals. You should have seen how they danced to my music, clapping their flippers and singing and turning somersaults into the water of their tank!"

Knarf and Hand agreed that Christopher Cricket's adventure had really been an exciting one.

### Rupert and the Carved Stick—45



Edward, clever as at Rupert's words. "You, that boulder's not too big," he says. "Let's see if it will move. It may be hiding the secret. There seems to be nothing else to do." He leans against it and then tries pushing hard with his head, but nothing happens.



"It's too heavy for us," says Rupert. "Let's go down and tell the gentleman what we've found so far." Edward is elated when he gets an idea in his mind and he insists on staying to get his breath back. "I'll have another shot soon," he puffs.

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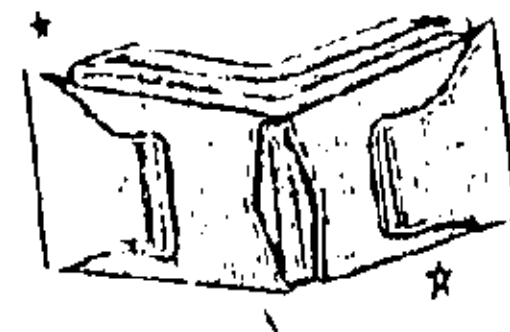
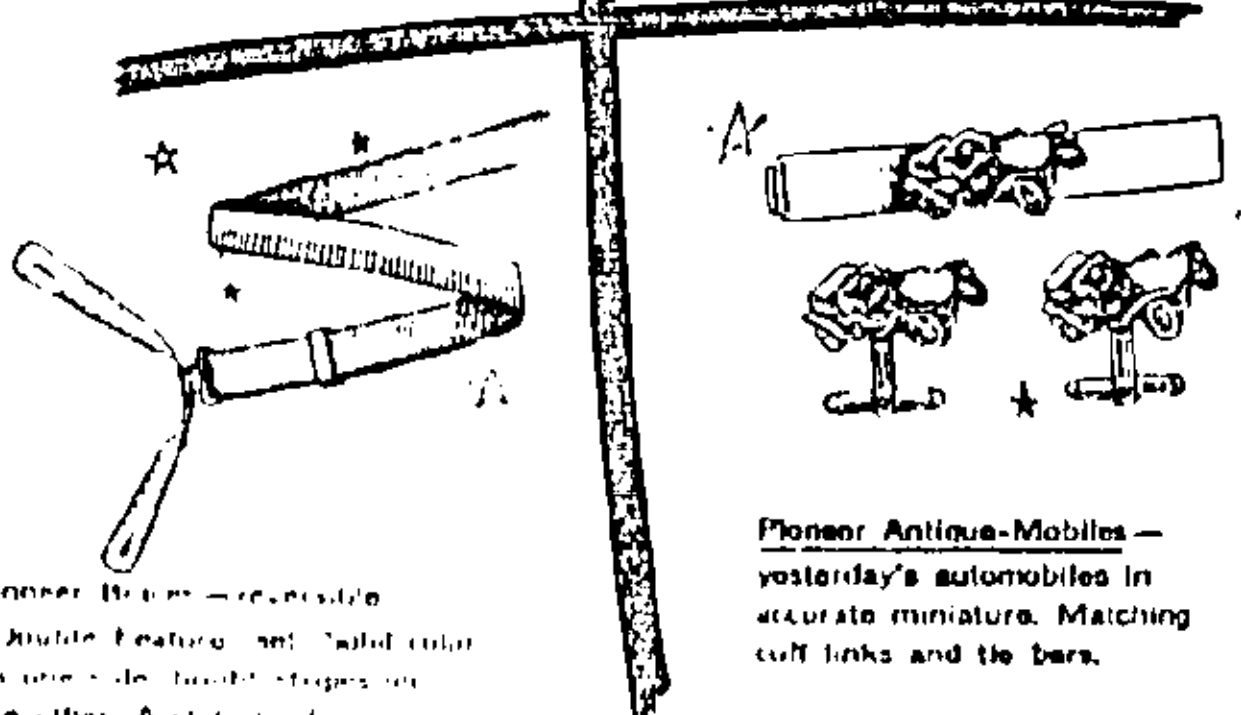
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## 1958 WORLD SPORTS REVIEW

Elliott Leads The Year's  
Top Athletes Into  
A New Era

Paris, Dec. 22.

Whilst man-made satellites hurtled from the earth to perform their celestial orbits, four-limbed men and women succeeded in breaking their earthly barriers as they sped round tracks or across swimming pools and battled on the canvas during the 1958 sports year.

Living on dried fruit and nuts, as his fuel for burning up world middle distance records, Australia's wonder miler Herb Elliott slashed the one mile distance timing down to 3 mins 54.5 secs and then crashed the metric mile with 3 mins 36 secs.

Elliott may go down in the annals of sports as the athlete of all time. Daily in and out of season, he tortures himself with a training programme previously believed beyond human endurance and proves "hatred of any man who runs against me" can succeed in modern athletics. It is a far cry from the all-round gentleman athlete of the not so distant past—but like it or not the Elliott philosophy is here to stay. He has revolutionised running.

Elliott is foremost in staking the claim of the Australian population (not yet 10,000,000) to world prominence in sport. But also from the Spartan continent are the Australian "water babies" John Konrads and his sister Ilsa. John has opened up another swimming era by returning 17 mins 28.7 secs over 1,650 yards among a long series of triumphs. Girl swimmers Dawn Fraser also added the crowning Australian supremacy in the swimming world with her 1 min 12.7 sec over 100 metres free-style.

## Aussie Monopoly

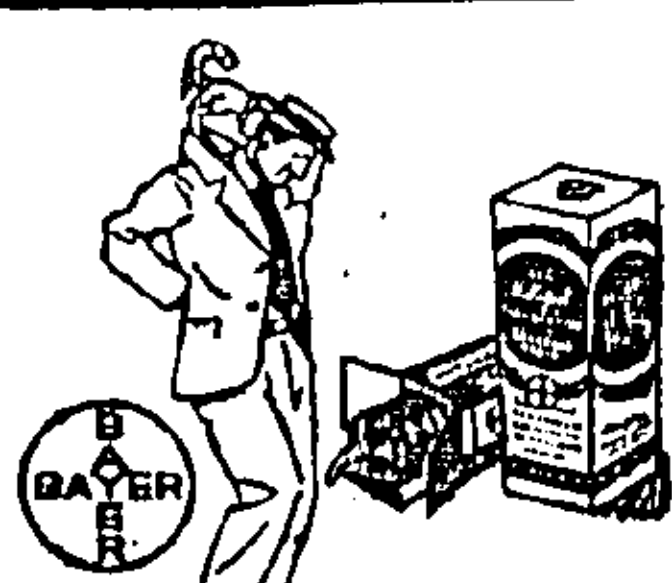
She now plans to break the minute barrier. With the exception of the 200 metres held by Japan's Toyoshiki Yamanaka all the free-style records are an Australian monopoly held by Konrads and John Devitt for the men and Dawn Fraser, Lorraine Crapp and Ilsa Konrads for the women.

The old order of sport has heard its death knell in 1958.

Currie Cup  
Cricket In  
S. Africa

Johnannesburg, Dec. 22. An uncertain 161 by Tony Pithey, the young Springbok opening bat, enabled Rhodesia to draw with Transvaal in their Currie Cup cricket match here today.

Transvaal gained a first innings lead of 136 but their attack of four pace bowlers could not dislodge Pithey, who batted for seven hours, 20 minutes and hit 17 fours. Scores were: Rhodesia 202 and 312 for seven; Transvaal 207 for nine declared.—China Mail Special.

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GERMANY.

The Brazilians for the first time humbled home their long-suspected and long-feared supremacy when they won the world football series at Stockholm—to their hysterical delight. The master puzzler of the era Sugar Ray Robinson won back the fifth time his middleweight title from Carmen Basile.

A young French soldier Roger Riviere pulverised the pedals of his machine to break the unthinkable time of 37 mph to take the world hour record.

## Incredible Year

Motor racing has had an incredible year which saw the retirement of two world racing champions. Old man Juan Fangio, the indestructible Argentine driver retired for his crown to be claimed by Michael Hawthorn. Hawthorn perhaps impressed by the track deaths of so many of his friends, perhaps because he wanted to stay alive or perhaps because he wants to marry and have children had no sooner been named champion when he also retired.

Over to winter sports where the blond handsome Tony Salter of Austria staked his claim as the skier of all time. Triple Olympic champion and world champion, his amateur status is now menaced—a furtherance of the amateur professional war which has blighted sport this year—and he is due to appear before a Status Commission on charges that he has abused his amateur standing to appear in films and lend his name to an Italian textile firm.

## Worthy Performances

Other performances worthy of note in the field of athletics were the 400 yards hurdles of South Africa's Gert Potgieter who returned 49.7 secs and the 16.59 metres in the 100, step and jump event by Soviet Union's Oleg Ivanovskii. Yuri Stopyanov also helped erase the memory of a mediocre Soviet season when his 2.16-metre high jump was recognised as world-wide. Herbert Elliott and John Thomas were established as

the new three-mile record holders with the time of 13 mins 10.4 secs.

The swimming greats of 1958 have already been mentioned. But other notable records were also established.

Nineteen-year-old Lance Larson bettered the 100 metres butterfly record in less than a minute returning the time of 20.6 secs. The year also revealed some young swimmers of exceptional promise. Scotland's Ian Black carried off the titles for the 400 and 1,000 metres free-style and the 200 butterfly. Italy's Paolo Pucci beat the old European record for the 100 metres with 56.1 secs.

The exponents of the square yard must have felt that the noble art of pugilism is on the decline and by the number of fights staged and falling receipts they may well feel like the old-time prohibitionists of the United States.

## Boxing Highlights

Nevertheless the old sport has had its highlights besides the brilliant comeback of the chocolate-coloured master Sugar Ray Robinson.

For the ring's original and ageless Archie Moore only recently climbed off the canvas to spring an 11th round knock-out on Canada's Yvon Durelle to retain his world light-heavy title. Archie is anywhere between 42 and 60.

As long as it can produce fighters of this breed, boxing has little to fear. In the lower weights, the American Indian Don Jordan took the welter crown from Virgil Atkins to whom it had been vacated by Carmen Basile.

## Sports Diary

TODAY

Racing  
Entries Close for Sixth Race Meeting, noon.  
Meeting  
Executive Committee Of Hongkong Jockey Club, 8.30 p.m.  
George's Building, 6.30 p.m.

## GONZALES DIVORCED BY WIFE

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.

Tennis star Richard (Pancho) Gonzales was divorced today by his attractive, dark-haired wife.

"This is the most important match he ever lost," superior judge Burnett Wolfson said in granting the decree. "You didn't lose it, he did."

Mrs Henrietta Gonzales (28) said her husband, the world's top-ranking professional tennis player, telephoned her from New York last June. She said "He wasn't happy and he wasn't coming home any more."

Mrs Gonzales will retain custody of the three children, Richard, Jr. (10), Michael (8) and Daniel (7) described by the judge as "the three best fans he ever had."

A property settlement calls for Mrs Gonzales to retain the family residence here, plus \$900 monthly in alimony, \$300 a month in child support, an automobile and \$50,000 life insurance policy.

Gonzales and his wife married in 1948 at Yuma, Arizona.—U.P.I.

Hogan Kid Dessey, the Nigerian boy has frequently been in action and has acquitted himself with honour. The heavyweights division, however, has seen little action. Relegating champion Floyd Patterson is big business and the last four of five months have been marked with interminable wrangling as to who he should meet. Someone has called him the "Hot House Champ."

## Rise Of Europeans

But for once the European heavies—for so long dubbed the horizontal heavyweights—are seriously in business.

The Swedish block-buster Ingemar Johansson is universally accepted number one challenger after his round one KO decision over Eddie Machen, and British heavyweights Brian London and Henry Cooper scored telling defeats of world ranked American Willie Pastrann and Zora Foley.

In Europe boxing pin-up boy Bubi Scholz of Germany earned his European middleweight crown with a decision over France's long-reigning Charles Humez.

Prominent also has been the rise of the Orient in the flybantam-featherweight classes. Both Japan and the Philippines are breeding a fine generation of pocket-sized glove throwers in the finest traditions of the noble art.

Though Argentine's Pascual Perez reigns as the undisputed world flyweight champion, he was amply tested by the tiny Filipino, Domy Ustua over 15 rounds.

In cycling Luxembourg's Charly Gaul won the murderous cycling classic known as the Tour De France.

## Brazilian Triumph

In football the Brazilian triumph was the big highlight and Milton Santos, Bellini, Didl, and Garrincha became the world heroes of schoolboys of every race and colour.

Sweden, thanks to her "emigre" footballers from Italy were honourable runners-up. France was third but the British Isles which gave birth to the 11-a-side code with four teams, Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland were out-classed both in team play and soccer science.

The car-racing industry is bearing the brunt of a newly discovered squeamishness on the part of the cash-paying sports public which if anything is hurting the sport.

## Groat Future

Three crook drivers were killed—Luigi Musso, Britain's Peter Collins and fellow countryman Lewis Evans.

Nevertheless the high-octane sport, despite pessimism, has a great future, and despite the new engine rating ruling which will lower the capacity of formula one cars to 1,600 cc maximum. Incidentally, Hawthorn, the retired champion did not win one of the Grand Prix classes—but owed him crown to regular performances.

His more colourful fellow countryman Stirling Moss was world champion runner-up with victories in the Argentine, in Holland, in Portugal and in Morocco.

Now let's turn finally to the sports which rarely make the headlines.

The Soviets were the victors of the world Greece-Roman wrestling championships at Budapest and the Japanese confirmed their legendary supremacy in judo at the Tokyo World Championships.

## Champions Since '54

Hungary won the European tennis table championships and the Swedes claimed the world seven-a-side handball championship which they have held since 1954.

In fencing the Russians physically superb and technically immaculate carried off many titles.

In weightlifting the muscle men of the Soviet Union pressed, snatched and heaved and jorked their way to world supremacy at the Stockholm World Championships at the expense of the Americans.

The Russians were also supreme in the 14th World Gymnastic Championships at Moscow. This year, 1958, nearly at its end has seen tremendous strides in sport. Its internationalisation is inevitable as is the specialisation of athletes. A new era is being born.—France-Press.

Sailer Hopes To  
Answer Charges  
Personally

Kitzbuehel, Tyrol, Dec. 22. World and triple Olympic ski champion Toni Sailer today said he hoped for special leave from his film company to appear before the Status Commission of the International Ski Federation to answer charges that he has abused his amateur status.

Sailer made this statement today when he opened his family hotel here.

He is making a film, the first reels of which will be taken on the Alps early in 1959. The film containing ski sequences will be called "Twelve Girls and a Boy."

Sailer is accused of exploiting his sports name among other things in film making. He is due to appear before the Commission on January 12 at Wenger, Switzerland.—France-Press.

MCC Team For  
Match With  
S. Australia

Adelaide, Dec. 22. Willie Watson, the Leicester-shire batsman, is given another opportunity to establish himself before the second Test by being included in the MCC side for the game against South Australia here, which starts on Wednesday. In the absence of Peter May, who is resting himself, the side will be led by Colin Cowdrey.

The team is: Colin Cowdrey, Peter Richardson, Willie Watson, Frank Tyson, Tom Graveney, Ted Dexter, Arthur Milton, Tony Lock, Freddie Trueman, Roy Swainman, John Mortimore.—Reuter.

Fred Bennett  
Dead

London, Dec. 22. Mr Fred Bennett, one of the greatest figures in British motoring history, was found dead today in his room at the Royal Automobile Club, London, where he lived. He was 66.

Mr Bennett, a former Vice-Chairman of the Club, was responsible for the introduction in Europe of the electric starter on cars and for other revolutionary improvements.—China Mail Special.

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# These Are My Soccer Memories Of 1958 BUT WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE NEW YEAR?

As 1958 moves towards its close, its time, before the curtain falls, to conjure up the Soccer memories of the old year.

I can remember few years more filled with the stuff that memories are made of. We've seen tragedy and triumph, great names fading and young giants arising, anti-climax and just once or twice real greatness.

When 1958 opened, I was convinced that it was to be dominated by Manchester United.

For under Matt Busby, they were maturing into perhaps the finest club side of my time. Nothing seemed beyond them.

Were the FA Cup, the European Cup and the League Championship to fall before them? All these questions, of course, were answered in the Munich disaster. For me, this was a personal tragedy. Among the dead were so many of my friends and team-mates, men such as Roger Byrne, Duncan Edwards, Tommy Taylor and Frank Swift.

But out of disaster came perhaps a greater story. The United came within touching distance of winning the Cup and writing a come-back story which would have had no peers in the realm of sport.

## New Star

For the hour found the men and miraculously a new bunch of stars grew up almost overnight at Old Trafford. None shone brighter than Bobby Charlton, one of the most electrifying personalities to hit the soccer scene for years.

He has already played some great games for England. But I still think that we have not seen the best of Bobby Charlton. As Manchester United's Cup bid failed at the final hurdle, it was the turn of Bolton and their captain Nat Lofthouse to capture the headlines.

At Wembley, Nat recaptured former glories with a display that rivals alongside those of Stanley Matthews and Don

## TOM FINNEY

Reveals the greatest personal Cup triumph of the post-war years.

I talked to Nat shortly before that final and went away feeling I wouldn't like to face him in that mood. I had never seen him more determined or more confident.

## Supremacy Clinched

And on the Continent, Real Madrid had clinched their supremacy by winning the European Cup. Their forward line of Kopa, Fontaine, di Stefano, Puskas and Chentso was already being described as the finest club attack in the history of football.

For me, the summer proved no resting-time. Almost before it had begun, I was Europe-bound with the England team for a warming-up tour in preparation for the World Cup at Gothenburg.

Our fortunes were mixed. We were badly beaten by Yugoslavia and then we drew with Russia. What was our true form?

The world at large looked back to the high noon of our successes and decided that the Belgrade result was just too bad to be true.

And so we arrived in Gothenburg, hailed by the sports writers as joint favourites with Russia and Brazil.

But I think by then most of us had no illusions. Although we were determined to fight until we dropped, we realised that on form we were not in the first six nations.

## Much To Remember

The draw, alongside Russia and Brazil, certainly didn't favour us. After our quick exit from the competition, we watched the might of the sides who had overtaken us—the brave new world of Soccer.

There was so much to remember... the high-scoring Frenchmen, Kopa and Fontaine... the Swedish veterans flown in from the Italian League... the rugged Germans... a brief glimpse of the old-time Hungary... and, of course, the Brazilian magic of Garrincha, Pelé and Didi.

Although we returned disappointed from Gothenburg, we realised that we had seen a new and up-to-date textbook on Soccer. And we intended to learn the lesson fast.

When the current season opened, English football was

## OFF THE CUFF

I hear that there is a strong feeling inside football that Manchester United's ALBERT QUILL is heading for another England cap.

According to JOHN CHARLES, the big signing spree in Italian League football is ending.

DEREK TAPSCOTT is taking over the mantle of TREVOR FORD at Cardiff. It will be no surprise if Manchester City's BOBBY JOHNSTONE returns to help Ibrox in their relegation struggle.

## Overrated Side

They were being rash, Russia are one of the most overrated of all international sides. We have a long way to go before we overhaul sides such as France and Brazil.

Elsewhere in British football, there has been much to note. Arsenal, under new manager George Swindin, are threatening to recapture their legendary past.

Stanley Matthews has defied his critics once again with some performances reminiscent of his early days.

Huddersfield's young forward Dennis Law has written the opening pages of what will surely be one of the success stories of modern-day football.

And Billy Wright heads towards his hundredth cap without a rival for his England berth in sight.

But I have the feeling that the season is only just unfolding and that the stage is really being set for the New Year.

## Newcastle's Year

Will Newcastle get the Tyne alright once more along the road to Wembley? Will Arsenal add their name once more to the championship roll?

And will Matt Busby see the flame he kindled in Scottish football blaze on to triumph in the international championship?

These are questions which pinpoint the high promise of the year ahead.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

LUIS CARNIGLIA (Real Madrid trainer asked whether Brazil's 4-2-4 formation was good for their World Cup victory): That team would have won if they'd played 11 goalkeepers.

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## CHESS

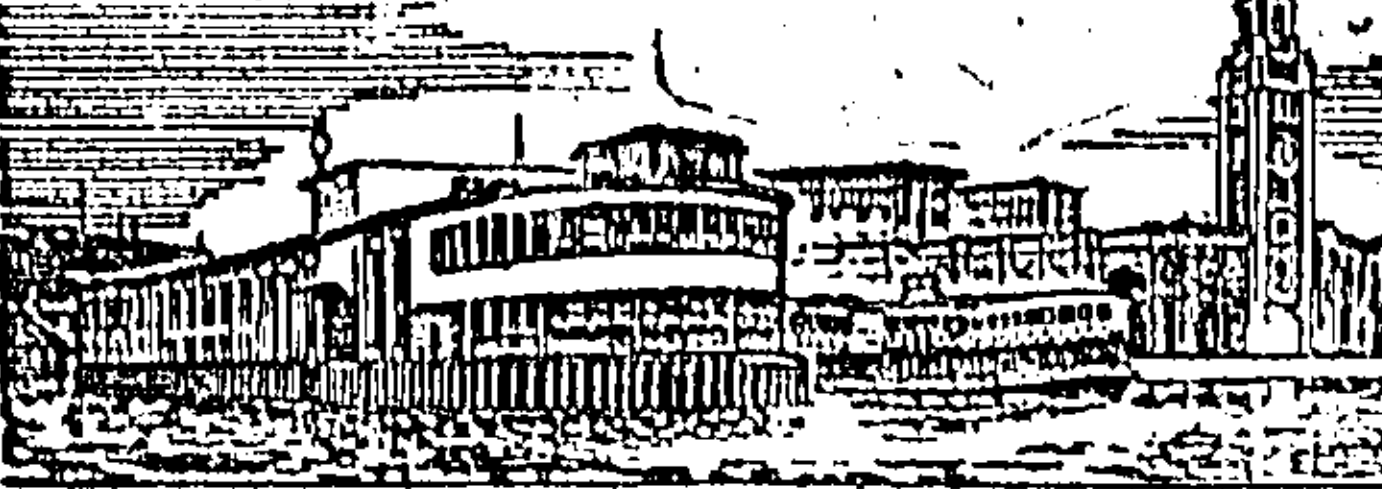
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Here is a problem by P. Potoron (Arboret-Gak, 1957). White to play and mate in two moves.

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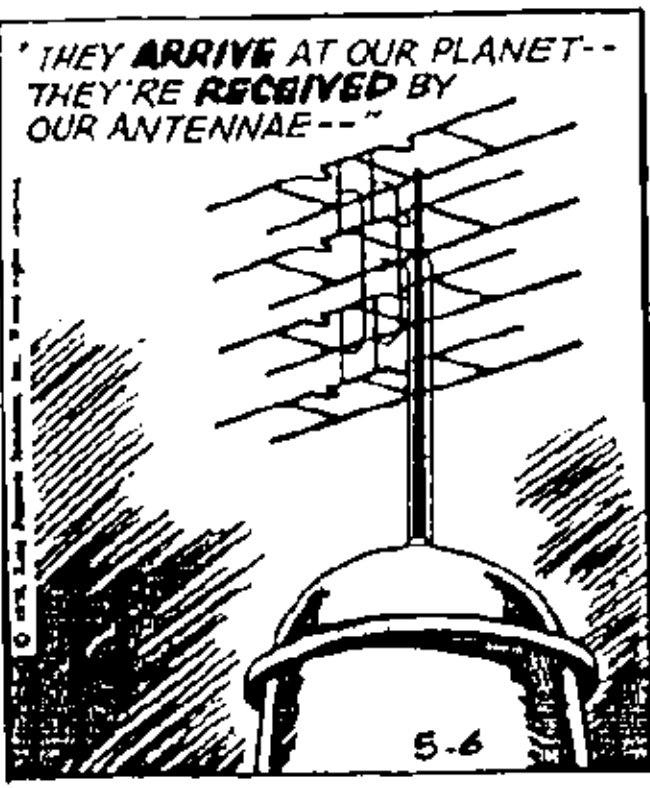
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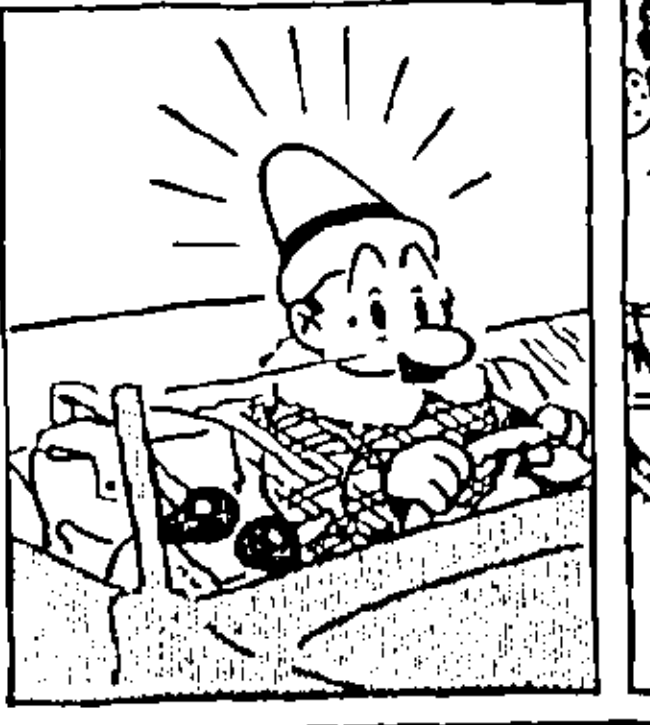
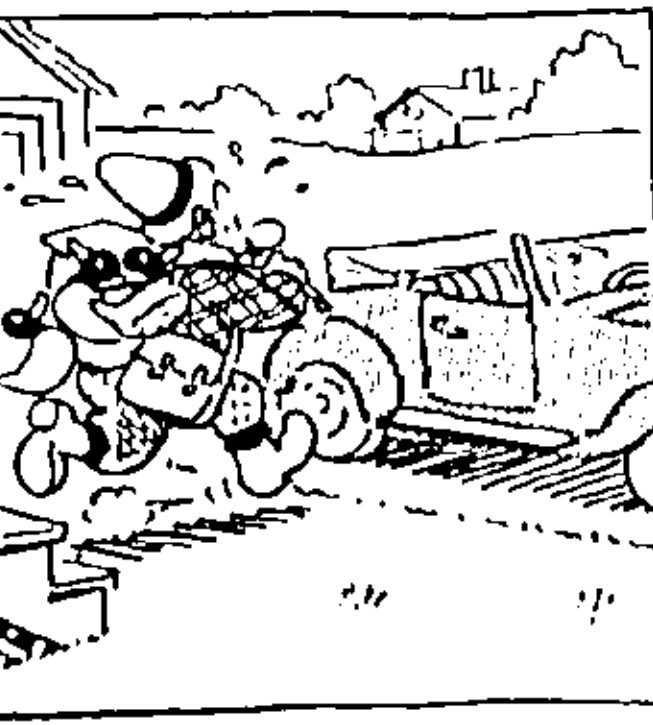
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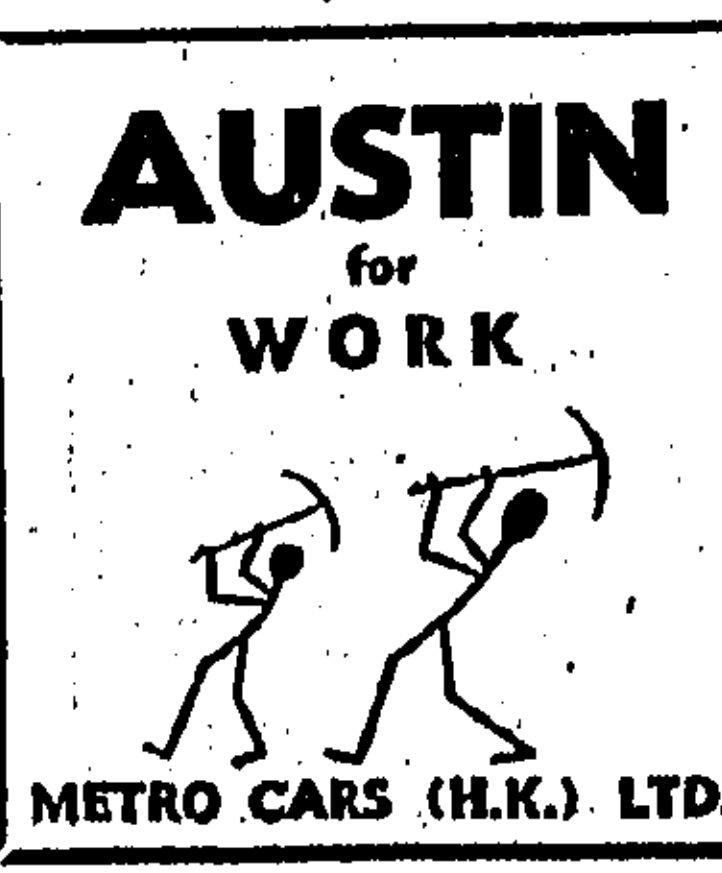
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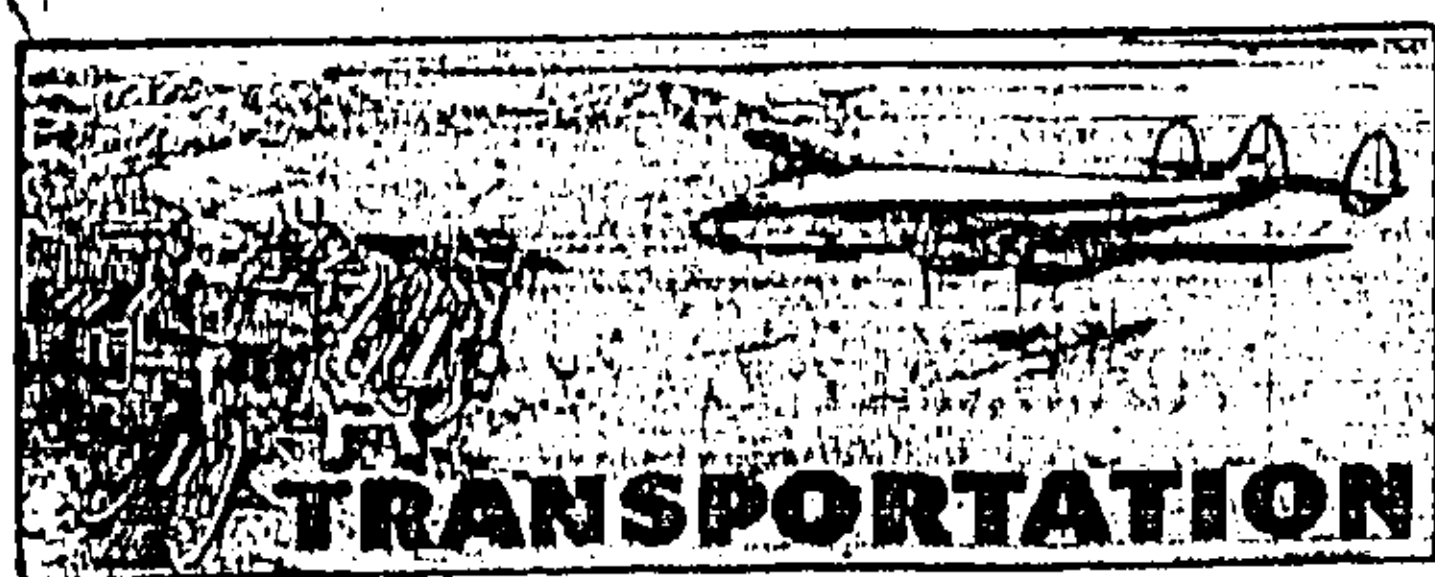
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## Forecasting To Keep Pace With Jet Age

Washington, Dec. 22. The Weather Bureau announced plans today to expand its forecasting service next month for aviation to keep pace with the jet age.

The Bureau and aviation forecasters will cover conditions up to 45,000 feet, more than doubling the present range of 20,000 feet.

It also will open a new era of forecasting for wind, rain, clouds, visibility, and other factors which are vital to jet pilots.

## JETLINERS

Jet airliners, already in service in the U.S., England, and Europe, are now flying between 20,000 and 35,000 feet. Conventional propeller-driven aircraft fly below 20,000 feet.

The new weather charts will be used by jet pilots to help them to avoid bad weather conditions. The charts will also be used by the Air Force and the Navy for planning operations in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

## Limited Recovery On Freight Market

THE shipping freight market has staged a certain recovery and the October figure for the British Chamber of Shipping's freight index is the highest for the year.

The index for all items now stands at 70.4 compared with a level of 62.7 last April. At the present level freight rates for most commodities allow vessels to make some operating profit, though not a sufficient profit to provide fully for depreciation.

The future of rates must depend on a number of different factors. There is the general level of world trade to be considered. In 1959 world trade should be rising again, but that is not the factor on which shipping mainly depends. Far more important for freight purposes are the bulk cargoes.

There is less reason to expect any sharp improvement in the level of freight rates at which ships will be brought back into service. Since the middle of this year the volume of shipping, British and foreign, has been fairly steady at around 5 million tons. Present freight rates, even after their recovery, do not in general tempt shipowners to bring their ships back into employment.

If rates were to rise somewhat further, then re-employment of ships would become more attractive. Immediately that puts a ceiling on any rise in prices, and until the surplus fleet is taken up or broken up by new ships, any rise in prices is likely to be temporary.

## THE SURPLUS

Most of the ships, except for some bought second-hand during the Suez boom in freight, have long ago been fully depreciated. There is always a chance that they will be able to scrape along on their own earnings, and in some cases they can do so today. Unfortunately, it keeps them out of the market. This surplus, which also makes it unlikely that the proposed inter-ship conference will be successful, will have a violent effect on freight rates.

# UK Vs COMMON MARKET

## Big Guns Are Moved Up To Forward Area

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Dec. 22. There are just a few days of 1958 left—a few days for Britain to enjoy equal trading opportunities with her partners in Western Europe.

At the six countries of the Common Market will turn themselves into a tight trading group offering a number of advantages to each other's exports. Britain will be on the outside looking in.

Despite public protestations that while there are talks there is hope, British officials are saying in private that all hope has been abandoned of reaching agreement on a Free Trade Area to be associated with the Common Market.

## Deadlock

The ministerial talks failed to break the deadlock last week. France rejected the British proposal that the 17 countries of the OEEC should exchange all concessions agreed on by the six Common Market countries. Britain's spokesman thereupon spoke of possible reprisals, and the French representative chose to interpret his remarks as a threat. The meeting dissolved in an uproar.

Once again the hour of decision has been postponed—this time until January 15, two weeks after the Common Market is due to start business.

So the situation is this: six Common Market countries—France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—have agreed to reduce their tariff by 10 per cent on goods traded between themselves and to extend this concession to imports from all the members of the OEEC. They will also increase by 10 per cent their quotas of imports from each other. This concession will be extended to the remaining 11 OEEC countries.

## Concession

But the third concession will be confined to the six Common Market countries alone. This provides that countries whose imports from the six are less than three per cent of their own production of those goods will forthwith raise the quota to that level.

Britain's offer to match this concession appears to have been

received favourably by five of the Common Market countries. The exception was France and the five prefer to go along with her rather than risk a split in their carefully nurtured association.

The French attitude in all this is vital—and it is fundamentally different from that taken by Britain. Britain's concern has all along been to safeguard her own export trade. This is perfectly legitimate, but insistence of it arouses resentment of Frenchmen who have been persuaded to accept the Common Market not for any mere economic advantage but as a part of a grand political strategy.

Economically, France has never had any real liking for the Common Market idea. Her industrialists would far rather continue to enjoy their present degree of protection against foreign imports than open their domestic market to competition of foreign industries that are in many cases more efficient than their own.

## Sacrifice

But France is prepared to make a "sacrifice" in order to achieve her political aim. Having been invaded twice in the living memory by German armies, Frenchmen are naturally in the favour of anything that might prevent a repetition of these disasters. And means they have chosen is to integrate France and Germany so closely that they will be politically and economically another war between them would be virtually impossible.

France feels she has made enough sacrifice in this prize-worthy cause, and that now it is the turn of other countries to shoulder their share of burden. Britain's "commercial" attitude seems to Frenchmen to be at complete odds with the underlying aims of the Common Market, and they regard Britain's attempts to append a Free Trade Area to it as a typical piece of self-seeking by a "nation of shopkeepers."

This does Britain less than justice. She is not able to join the Common Market as a full partner because of her obligations to the Commonwealth, but that does not mean she is out to break it. But if Britain cannot join the other six industrial powers in their bold venture she can at least try to ensure that she is not hurt by her enforced exclusion.

The French motives on the other hand are not as blameless as her politicians would like the others to believe. It is true that France has openly invited a stiff competition in her domestic market in order to further a common political aim. But the balance of the advantage has been nicely calculated. The additional competition of the British goods would upset the scale and turn the French industrialists against the whole project.

## Sympathise

The other continental powers in the Common Market sympathise with Britain's attitude—but not to the extent that they are prepared to support it in the face of French opposition.

It is impossible to say what will happen next. Of course the governments concerned will go trying to reach an agreement. But hope is dwindling and in some quarters it has been abandoned.

The possibility must be faced that Western Europe will be divided into two rival trade camps. There will be a common market, but it will be a common market in name only. Nobody can tell where it will end.

Meanwhile talks have begun between the British and Swedish industrialists aimed at forming a "trading association" between Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Austria and Switzerland. There is said to be government support for the idea.

Which seems to imply that if war has not already begun, at least the big guns are being moved up to the forward area.—London Express Service.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

### Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$144,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

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HSK Insurance	700	714	20
HSK Union	28	28	28
HSK Wheelock	21.30	5.60	21.30
HSK Dock	44 1/2	45	200 1/2
HSK Electric	100 1/2	100 1/2	40
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## STOCKS DECLINE ON WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 22.

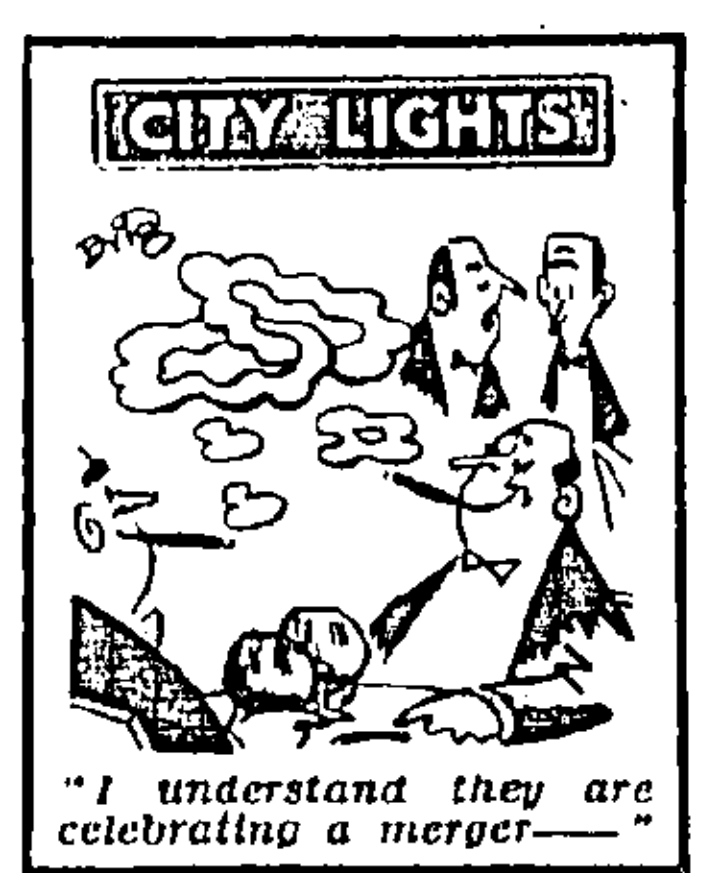
Stocks declined today after rising to a record high last week on the strength of American Telephone's stock split.

The list tried to recover after a steady decline from shortly after the opening until mid-session, but new selling came in near the close and prices generally retreated.

Oil shares suffered rather heavily on Venezuela's move to raise its take on oil company profits. Electronics were hard hit as a group. Tyres, except Goodrich, declined. Airlines turned down on strike news. Steel issues lost fractions to more than a point. Motors edged with Chrysler resisting pressure. White rose more than a point in the trucks.

### Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola, listed as the stock of the month by Standard & Poor's, rose more than four points. Several other specialties were strong. American shipbuilding gained three points. Du Pont, Union Carbide, and Stauffer were firm spots in the



chemicals. Polaroid lost more than three in the cameras.

Of the 1,258 issues traded, 730 declined and 328 advanced.

Sales today of 3,030,000 shares were well below Friday's volume of 3,540,000 shares.

Bond volume was \$6,320,000. American Stock sales totalled 1,340,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials ..... 671.23  
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Coppers eased but gold stocks were firm.

Greek liens were higher in a selectively firm foreign bond market.—U.P.I.

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London, Dec. 22. Britain intends to pay the full instalment of principal and interest on the United States and Canadian loans on December 31, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Derrick Heathcoat-Amory told the House of Commons today.

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Amsterdam ..... 2.70 1/2-2.70 9/10  
Brussels ..... 10.25 1/2-10.25 3/4  
Copenhagen ..... 16.25 1/2-16.25 3/4  
Frankfurt ..... 11.70 1/2-11.70 3/4  
Paris ..... 14.47-14.47 1/2  
Stockholm ..... 12.45-12.45 1/2  
Zurich ..... 12.10 1/2-12.10 3/4  
Others unchanged.—U.P.I.

### RUBBER

NEW YORK  
Rex rubber futures today closed 15 to 33 points higher with sales of 18 contracts.

Closing prices were:  
Jan. 30.25; Mar. 30.00; May 29.75;  
July 29.70; Sept. 29.00; Nov. 29.50;  
Jan. 29.40.

AMSTERDAM  
The rubber market was steady today. Prices closed in guilders per kilogram, etc. Jan. as follows:  
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SINGAPORE  
The market opened around the previous levels and steadied further on fair short covering and trade buying.

No. 1 rubber per lb. Jan. 83 1/2-84 1/2  
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ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

## Police Officer Denies "Wide Powers" Accusation By Merchant

A Police officer denied at the Victoria District Court this morning that he had told a suspect that the police had the right to enter a judge's chambers and talk with the judge before a hearing.

The officer, Detective Sub-Inspector D. McMahon, also denied saying that this was possible because "the police in Hongkong had wide powers".

## Navy Men's Overland Trip To UK Cancelled

By ANDREW SLOAN

The Royal Naval Expedition which had planned to travel overland from Singapore to London, has been cancelled because the Burmese authorities refused them a transit visa.

The leader of the group of four sailors, Petty Officer Archie MacGillchrist, who was in Hongkong with his ship in September this year, wrote to me from Singapore telling me this news. The group were on the frigate St. Bride's Bay while in Hongkong and it was during their stay here that they finalised their plans. The only headache they had when leaving the Colony, was travelling visas for Burma.

P/O MacGillchrist wrote, "We have deliberately waited in Singapore after our shipmates flew home in the hope that permission would be granted for the go-ahead, but with no luck I'm afraid."

They now have to wait in Singapore for passage to the UK, and in all probability will spend Christmas there.

Mr McMahon was replying to questions in cross-examination by Patchell Ladhia Ebrahim, 36, textile merchant from Tanganyika, who is charged with possession of 111 lbs of raw opium and conspiracy to deal in the drug.

Another man, Tse Tak-min, alias Matthew Chey, is jointly accused on the conspiracy charge.

Voluntarily?

This morning's cross-examination by Ebrahim before Judge B. L. Jennings was in connection with the testing of the admissibility of a statement which the prosecution say Ebrahim had made voluntarily, but which Ebrahim opposed.

Mr McMahon testified that on September 28 he charged the two accused and another man, Currim Rahman (originally named as the first accused, who has since pleaded guilty and was sentenced).

On October 18, Mr McMahon said, he went to the Victoria Remand Prison as a result of a message from the Prison's Chief Officer.

There he saw Ebrahim, who indicated to him that he wanted to make a statement. He immediately cautioned the accused.

No Promise

Mr McMahon told the Court that he did not hold out any promise or threat to Ebrahim in connection with the making of the statement.

He went down what Ebrahim said, accused then read it over and added something at the end in his own handwriting, and then signed.

Cross-examining the witness, Ebrahim suggested to him that some days before the statement was made, Mr McMahon had visited him in a cell in the magistracy and told him that

the Police had found a certain Mrs Chagla.

Ebrahim went on to say that the witness told him further that if he did not make a statement confessing to the charges, the police would arrest Mrs Chagla.

Mr McMahon replied that he did not tell him anything about Mrs Chagla or that she would be arrested if he did not confess.

Further questioning, witness denied having told Ebrahim that he did not want to see Mr McMahon (the other accused) get off lightly.

Ebrahim: You also told me that the police in Hongkong had wide powers.

Mr McMahon: No, I did not. And that the police had the right to go into a judge's chambers to talk with the judge before a hearing. No, I did not say that at all.

Time To Think

Ebrahim further alleged that he told Mr McMahon to give him time to think the matter over and to come back in two or three days and that subsequently he asked the Prison's Chief Officer to contact Mr McMahon and tell him he would make a statement "but under pressure".

Re-examined by Chief Inspector C. L. Smith, Mr McMahon stated that he had no authority to speak with a judge in the latter's chambers before a case came up, as far as he knew.

Witness added that he was not very surprised when he learned that Ebrahim wanted to see him at the Victoria Remand Prison, because on previous occasions the accused had tried to bargain with him and had offered to give evidence for the Crown in return for a guarantee of a light sentence.

On each occasion, said witness, he told Ebrahim that he had no right to bargain or make any promise to the accused.

Hearing is proceeding

## JORDAN BANS GEOGRAPHY TEXT BOOK

London, Dec. 22.

The geographical text book "The World," edited by Dudley Stamp and published by Longman's of London, has been banned by the Jordan authorities.

A Reuters report from Amman today stated that the contents of this widely sold reference book "contradict with press and publication regulations in Jordan."

A spokesman for the publishers said here that the Jordanian authorities objected to the book's statement that "the Israelis occupy the Jewish portion of Palestine," their claim being that the Israelis also occupy Arab territory there.—Reuters.

## House Blown Up

Montreal, Dec. 22.

An explosion sheared a two-storey brick duplex almost in half today, killing at least four persons, three of them children, and injuring four others.

Cause of the explosion had not been determined.—U.P.I.

## Tito In Indonesia

Djakarta, Dec. 23.

President Tito of Yugoslavia sailed into Djakarta's port Tandjong Priok aboard his yacht Galeb to begin a 10-day state visit to Indonesia today.—Reuters.



The Rocky Feller Combo pose for a photograph. They are from left to right: Albert, Kucelling, Junior, Eddie, Tony, and Paulino at the bongos.

## Boys Band Gets Its Big Chance

by Andrew Sloan

China Mail Reporter

A GROUP of five Filipino boys, four of them not yet in their teens, who got their first big chance in a Hongkong nightclub, leave the Colony today to begin an engagement in Ceylon.

They are the Rocky Feller Combo.

The two youngest and the two eldest boys, all brothers, in the group arrived in Hongkong four months ago to join their father, a Colony musician.

Their talent was soon spotted by Bing Rodrigues, bandleader at one of Hongkong's leading nightclubs, when the boys put on an impromptu show during a party.

Invited by Mr Rodrigues to audition at his nightclub during a tea dance one Sunday, the diminutive entertainers were a smash hit with a large and delighted audience. Impressed, the nightclub's manager signed them up for their first professional engagement.

Word of their gay and lively shows spread quickly in nightclubs circles, and within a week they were packing them in.

### The Many

Among many to approach the group was an American promoter. But their father, who played for the boys, decided they were not ready yet.

Instead, "the boss," Mr D. "Moro" Malligat, took the group to Bangkok where they had a very successful contract. When they returned to Hongkong they were made an offer by an English promoter. Again Mr Malligat declined, but not definitely. "Maybe later," he said.

Then a few weeks ago, Mr Herbert Ebert, who recently arrived here, decided they would make a big hit with the Ceylonese night-club enthusiasts.

Mr Ebert made a successful bid for the group's services. Mr Malligat will be leaving with his boys for Ceylon today.

The other day I went along to meet this group of youngsters who eat, sleep and drink rock 'n' roll music.

I was introduced to Mr Malligat, who in turn introduced me to the boys. First I met the eldest, Junior, 17, who plays the lead guitar, then came Tony, 12, ukulele, Albert, 8, ukulele, and last but not least, the tiny tot and star of the show, Eddie, a diminutive three-footer who plays an equally diminutive uke.

Little Darlin'

While in Hongkong he has gained the nick-name of "Little Darlin'." Explanation later.

Paulino Babido, age eight, sat in a corner of a settee, smiling shyly as he was introduced. Son of another Hongkong musician, he is the only outsider in the family combo. He nightly hammers away at a pair of bongos.

When the combo is in action, almost everything hinges on whether Eddie is in a good mood or not. Some nights he stands on the dance-floor lights, and with a dreamy faraway look in his eyes, gently strums his guitar in between songs.

## Boot-Black Gaoled For Trafficking In Women

Chan Tak-chol, 30-year-old boot-black found guilty of trafficking in women by Mr A. L. Leitch at a previous hearing at the Central Magistracy, was sentenced to a total of 18 months' imprisonment by the Magistrate when he was found to be unable to pay the fine of \$1,000.

Defendant was sentenced to 12 months on the charge of trafficking in women, four months on the charge of failing to report while he was under police supervision and two months for failure to report change of address.

The last sentence was to be served concurrently.

## SHANGHAI DOCKYARDS: NO CHANGE

The annual meeting of the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd was held this morning in Jardine House.

In a statement the Chairman Mr B. T. Flanagan said that the position of the company had not changed since his report a year ago.

"The Company's properties in China are still under requisition by the People's Government and the US Dollar Investments and Bank Balances remain blocked under a U.S. Treasury order," he said.

"The gross income for the year, most of which is blocked, amounted to \$97,440. After deducting all expenses including directors' fees of \$3,000 the net profit amounted to \$94,440."

"To this must be added the balance of \$310,286 brought forward from the previous year, making a total credit balance of \$404,726, which the Board proposes to carry forward to next year."

The meeting was attended by Mr B. T. Flanagan, Chairman, the Hon. H. D. M. Barton, Mr J. H. Lindell, directors and Mr F. H. Sidbury, representing the Secretary, Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., Mr C. A. Adam, Mr M. A. A. Young-Herries and Mr G. L. Marshall, representing Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd.

The re-election of directors was moved by Mr Barton and seconded by Mr Sidbury, the re-appointment of the Auditors was moved by Mr Marshall and seconded by Mr Adam.

## Girl Hurt By Car

A 17-year-old girl, Siu Ling-tai, of No. 35, Fort Street ground floor, was knocked down and injured by a private car in King's Road, near Ming Yuen Western Street, yesterday. She was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

## Wrist Watch Snatched

A wrist watch was snatched from a woman pedestrian whilst she was walking in Chung Shan Road yesterday afternoon.

## Swiss Official Leaves HK

Mr J. J. Bolli, Director of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce, left this morning by Swire for Switzerland after a business trip in the Far East.

## Carols For H.E.

Members of St John's Cathedral choir will sing carols outside Government House this evening. Later they will tour the harbour in a launch entertaining the crews of ships with carols.

## Doctor Tells Of Boy Who Wanted Affection

A 19-year-old student, Chan Kin-hung, who was found guilty of indecently assaulting a nine-year-old girl at a previous hearing, was remanded for one week by Mr I. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

He asked for a report by the Commissioner of Prisons on his suitability for admission to the Boys' Training Centre.

Mr Donnell remanded Chan after hearing evidence by Dr H. D. Scriven on the boy's mental condition.

Dr Scriven testified that Chan was a boy of normal intelligence and there was nothing to suggest that he was definitely unmanageable. Dr Scriven said he found the boy shy and timid and rather childlike.

The boy had no parental guidance or control. In the evening he stayed with his father who was indifferent to him and his step-mother who actively disliked him.

In the environment like this, Dr Scriven continued, one would frequently be tempted to gain affection and the boy had a feeling for need for affection.

This feeling, however, misdirected, might be a factor which outweighed the right and wrong in a person's mind.

Chan was represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by M. K. Lam and Co.

## Gaoled On Drug Charge

Mok Chak, 27, unemployed, residing at hut 320, Tokai Street, was found guilty of possession of heroin by Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and sentenced to eight months' gaol.

Sub-Inspector A. Low told the Magistrate that a packet, wrapped in red paper, containing heroin, was found in the man's coat pocket.

He had four previous convictions of the same nature.

## American Writer To Call At HK

Washington, Dec. 22.

Dr "elma George, American sociologist, writer, teacher and singer will leave on Jan. 2, for the Far East on a world tour as part of the US cultural exchange programme.

Dr George will be in Singapore in mid-January for a meeting of the pan-Pacific Southeast Asia Women's Association. From there she will go to Malaya, Hongkong, Formosa, the Philippines, Thailand, Siam, India, Italy, France and Ghana.

The State Department said she will spend her six-months tour "consulting with women's groups, educators, students and civic organisations."—U.P.I.

From the Files

# 25 years AGO

THE recent exposure of conditions prevailing in Hongkong's House of Detention, has led to the institution of reforms under an order made by the Governor-in-Council, contained in the current issue of the Government Gazette.

The order provides for rescission of previous requirements regarding the employment of vagrants, under which power was allowed to order the picking of not more than one-and-a-half pounds of oakum a day, or crumb labour not exceeding 7,000 revolutions a day.

The new regulations, under the heading "Industrial Trade," provides "that a vagrant in the House of Detention may be employed at such work as industrial trade, preferably the vantage usual trade, as the Superintendent of the House of Detention where he is detained, shall prescribe, or at any other work of a hard bodily nature which the Governor shall, from time to time, approve, provided that a vagrant shall not be so employed in the company with ordinary prisoners."

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DON Bradman, the greatest of Australia's batsmen scored a sparkling 253 against Queensland in a Sheffield Shield match.

By his brilliant scoring over the last few days, Bradman has now aggregated more than 1,000 runs for the sixth successive season, a feat unprecedented in Australia's cricket history.

He was ably assisted in the Sheffield Shield match by Kippax, who made 125 in 172 minutes. They created a new Australian record for a third wicket partnership, scoring 363 runs.

★ ★ ★

Bird's Eye: Chinese politics are like a game of chess. The peace moves all lead up to the crowning of new kings.

Antoin Poli, 40, and Jean Geromini, 35, manager and commission agent respectively of Messrs Poli and Co., Ltd., Alexandria Buildings, were charged before Mr Balfour at the Central Police Court with the possession of an automatic pistol and 50 rounds of ammunition, without a licence from the Commissioner of Police. They were remanded for one week on bail of \$200.

## This Funny World



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